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## School district anticipates state budget decisions

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Crawford AuSable School officials have found themselves in a classic good-news bad-news situation.

The good news is that student enrollment is up to 1,906 students who are attending Crawford AuSable Schools, up from 1,892 students who were attending schools when the fall student count was taken.

Crawford AuSable Schools Superintendent Joe Powers said the increased enrollment can be attributed to the district's schools of choice program, which allows students who live in another school district to come to school in Grayling.

"I feel that the increased enrollment is directly related to the quality of programming we offer in each of the schools in our district," Powers said.

District officials will not learn what the boost in students will mean until next fall.

"This will have a positive impact on our funding, but the bulk of that will be determined by our fall student count numbers," Powers said.

The bad news the district is facing is that the State of Michigan may ask for a return in school funding to help solve the state budget crisis. That could mean that Crawford AuSable

Schools could lose up to \$400,000 for the current school year, as well as a decrease in funding for the next school year.

"The financial difficulty at the state level has several schools searching and wondering how they're going to operate," Powers said.

The support of two school funding proposals, which will be on the May 8 school election ballot, is critical to the financial outlook for the district.

A millage proposal will ask voters to renew the 18 mills levied on non-homestead properties on the election ballot. Non-homestead taxes are collected on businesses and second homes such as cabins and vacation homes. The tax is a critical part of the school district's financial picture since it makes up about \$5 million of the district's \$16.2 million budget.

The Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon Intermediate School (COOR ISD) District Board has placed a Headlee restoration proposal on the school ballot.

The Headlee Amendment, however, requires the district to adjust the amount of taxes it collects annually to accommodate for the rate of inflation. Districts can place a Headlee rollback, Continued on Page 3A

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## Egg-citing Easter Fun



A special Easter program was held during the weekly story hour at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library last week. The library's Miss Bea - a.k.a. Rebecca Brown - read a holiday story to the children during the program, which also included crafts, treats and an Easter egg hunt. Milltown Feed and Pet Supplies provided a floppy-eared rabbit for the kids to see during the program. Left, Christina Snyder, 2, holds a miniature Easter basket that she made which she filled with jelly beans.

## Volunteer program helps sustain eagles

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

A pair of Grayling men have helped feed a brood of bald eagles during the wintertime as a labor of love.

Grayling resident Joe Greer has placed dozens of roadkill deer on a hill on M-93 to help feed bald eagles during the winter.

Greer says he has a lifelong interest in eagles, hawks and other raptors. He picks up the roadkill deer from November through early April, when the lakes are frozen over and the eagles don't have access to fish and water fowl.

Eagles are opportunistic birds that feed on the roadkill left in large open spans. They are susceptible to being hit by vehicles and semitrucks when they get spooked while feeding on the roadway.

"Rather than putting the venison in the freezer, I put it up on the hill for the eagles to keep them off the road," Greer said.

Greer coordinates his efforts through a network of contacts, including the Crawford County

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Grayling resident Joe Greer has placed dozens of roadkill deer on a hill on M-93 to help feed bald eagles during the winter. Above, the eagles have become docile enough for Greer to get close enough to take photographs.

## Body of Grayling man recovered from Grand River

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The body of a Grayling man who tried to flee police was recovered from the waters of the Grand River last week.

Andrew James Muma, 25, of Grayling attempted to flee state troopers by jumping into the Grand River on March 19.

Muma was among individuals who were fishing on the Grand River in downtown Lyons in Ionia County. Troopers from the Ionia Post of the Michigan State Police were making routine checks on people fishing, when they learned that Muma was wanted for two felony warrants.

As police approached, Muma ran toward the river. After disobeying several commands to stop, Muma jumped into the Grand River, which had swelled due to the melting snow, in an attempt to elude police.

Muma's body was found on Tuesday, April 3, in an area just off the bank of the Grand River

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# CCEDP group helps outfit new animal shelter

A group currently involved in a leadership training program through the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership (CCEDP) has chosen to help homeless animals as their community service project.

James Robson, Janet Lee, Diane Hagle, Juan Portugal and Ashley Jurkovich are selling raffle tickets with the hopes of raising at least \$1,250 to help pay for new equipment to outfit the

Animal Shelter of Crawford County's (ASCC) new facility, now in its final stages of construction at the old Crawford County Fairgrounds.

The team is diverse, with representation from the Camp Grayling, Michigan Works!, Mercy Hospital Grayling, Flowers by Josie/Thanks A Latte and Grayling High School.

Tickets for the "Partnership for Paws" raffle are only \$1 each,

with prizes of \$750, \$250, \$100 and \$25. The drawing will be held at 4 p.m. on May 21, at the Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

"The proceeds from this raffle will help defray the costs of the many things we will need to operate a modern animal shelter," said Sharon Priebe, President of the ASCC. "And, we are honored to have them help us accom-

plish this wonderful project."

Some of the equipment needed include a new washer and dryer, dishwasher, scales, grooming room items, cat habitat items, file cabinets, floor mats and stainless steel feeding dishes.

Tickets can be purchased from any of the group members or at 7-Eleven, Crawford County, Avalanche and North Michigan Financial Services (2375 S. I-75 Business Loop) in Grayling.



Grayling resident Rose Brown (left) fills out her Partnership for Paws raffle ticket stub last Friday at Glen's Market, where Leadership Team member Janet Lee (right) set up a sales table with the hopes of selling many of the 500 tickets assigned to her.

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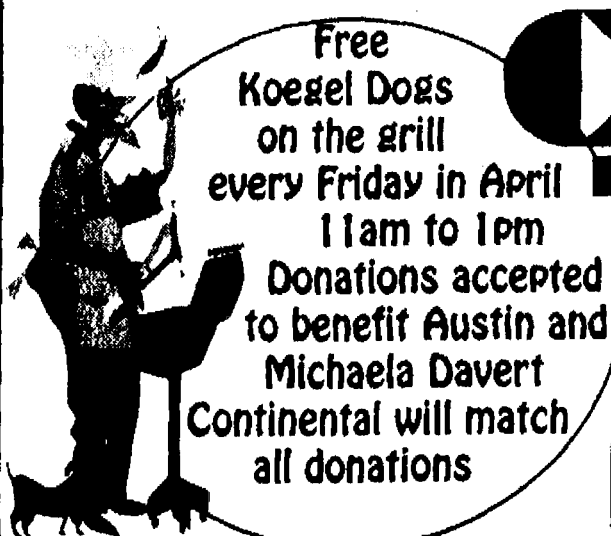
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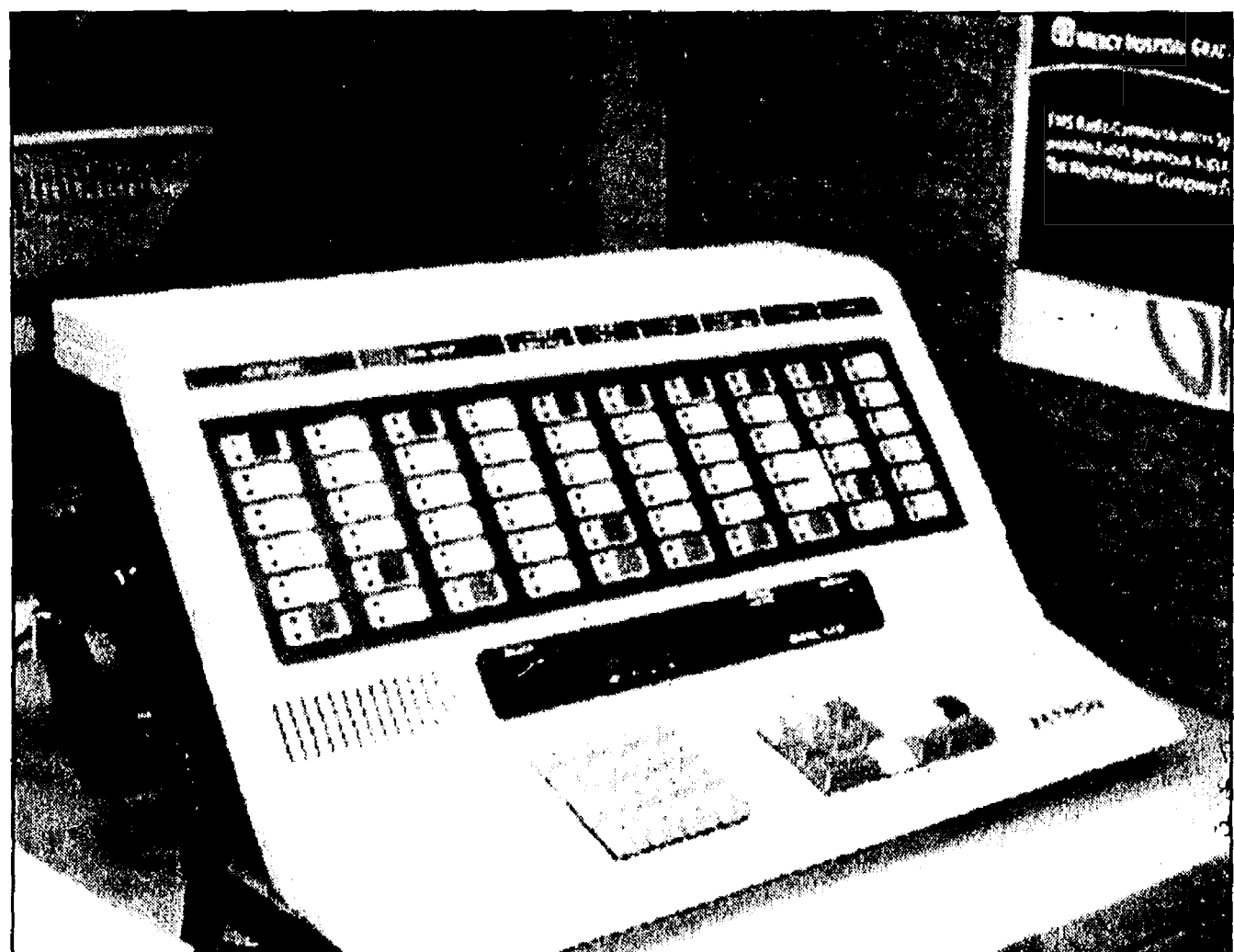
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## Emergency room receives new communication system



Mercy Hospital of Grayling received a grant from Weyerhaeuser for the purchase of an external communication system, pictured above, for their new emergency department.

Mercy Hospital of Grayling was recently the recipient of a grant from the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation. The grant was utilized to help purchase the external communication system for the new Emergency Department which is their means of communication with local emergency medical services and law enforcement.

Ian Faulkner, General Manager of the Weyerhaeuser Grayling facility, made the presentation to Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, CEO of Grayling Mercy Hospital, on behalf of the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation.

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north of the Lyons Dam, approximately 100 yards from where troopers lost sight of him the night of the initial confrontation.

The body was found using Michigan State Police Search and Rescue K-9 units. A diver from the Lyons/Muir Fire Department and state troopers recovered Muma's body from the river.

The outstanding warrants were issued by the Crawford County Prosecutor's office on March 10, 2004 and were based on police reports from the Crawford County Sheriff's Department. Muma was wanted on two charges of fleeing and eluding police and driving on a suspended or revoked drivers license.

Muma had a Grayling address when the incident occurred, but

was living in the Greenville area, said 1st Lt. Patrick Richard, the commander of the Ionia post of the Michigan State Police.

Muma was born in Grayling and raised in the Grayling Farwell and Clare areas, according to his obituary. He attended Clare Public Schools, and had a love for hunting, fishing, camping, mushroom hunting and farming.



# Easter Bunny hops over to Hanson Hills



Despite the below average temperatures and blowing icy winds, children flocked to welcome the Easter Bunny at Hanson Hills. Normally the lodge at Hanson Hills is bustling with the sounds of downhill and cross country skiers, but this weekend the lodge was transformed into an Easter eggs-travaganza. Candy-filled colored eggs decorated the lodge and everybody was excited to search for their special treasures. The Easter Bunny did his share of meeting and greeting the children (and adults) as he handed out special gifts and posed for several photos. The cold weather could not dampen the Easter spirit or the joy on the children's faces. Above, Hunter Ventline, Arianna Schanhals and baby Faith Cormier visit with the Easter Bunny.

## Camp Grayling Air Show set for takeoff

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Plans are moving forward for the inaugural Camp Grayling Air Show for the Fourth of July weekend.

Special Forces Ventures, a Grand Rapids-based promotional company, will hold the inaugural Camp Grayling Air Show at the Grayling Army Airfield on Saturday and Sunday, July 7 and 8.

The U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team is slated to be the feature act for the airshow. Stunt flying and aerobatics will be performed by Jacque "B" Warda, Bill Stein, and Allen "Attila" Smith, who

performs feats in a L-39 Soviet Fighter Jet.

Aircraft from the Michigan Air National Guard including Blackhawk helicopters and F-16s and C-130s will be doing flyovers at the airshow. Other current and vintage military warbirds and equipment will also be on display at the airshow.

The U.S. Army's Marksmanship vehicle will be at the air show along with a pair of snipers to display their skills. The National Guard's Special Forces Team will also be at the airshow.

Mike Spielmaker, Sheri and Terry Debold, the founders of Special Forces Ventures, have

been working with the Pentagon and Camp Grayling officials to plan the airshow for the past several months.

"This company was created for this venture, and we have made a long-term commitment to the Grayling community," Spielmaker said.

The company has been working closely with local businesses and community organizations including the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, Grayling Visitors Bureau, Grayling Promotional Association and the Grayling Uptown District Association for the planning of the airshow.

"Every penny we can spend

will be spent in Grayling," Spielmaker said.

Spielmaker, who attended the Grayling City Council meeting Monday, said the company will be working with local police over the next couple of months to ensure that adequate parking and traffic control plans are in place for the air show.

"The nice thing is that we've got all the major highways to get people in and out," Spielmaker said.

The website for the air show is [www.campgraylingairshow.com](http://www.campgraylingairshow.com). Additional acts and attractions are being added for the event over the next couple of months.

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Road Commission and Michigan Department of Transportation employees, county residents and local police.

The majority of deer he picks up come from areas on Manistee River Road and on M-72 near the Hanson Game Refuge, where deer are prone to being hit by vehicles.

"Those deer have been crossing in that area before M-72 was there," Greer said.

The deer are placed on a piece of private property, located just east of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) building on M-93. It is illegal to place anything including roadkill on land owned by the State of Michigan.

"You can't hardly move anything from one place to another on state land and have it squared away with the State of Michigan," Greer said.

John Stampfly, co-owner of the Lone Pine Restaurant, started feeding the eagles the roadkill deer six years ago, and Greer has taken the job over.

"We just did it to get them off

the road and it's hard for them to get along in the winter," said Stampfly, who lives in a log cabin located off of M-93.

A person must get a permit from a police officer or DNR conservation officer to remove a roadkill deer from the roadway.

Greer and Stampfly have the blessing from the DNR to feed the eagles.

Mark Lutz, a local DNR conservation officer, has given Greer verbal permission to remove the deer from the roadway, but Greer typically calls him as a courtesy to inform him that he has removed the roadkill.

"This is just something that they've got a knack to do and want to do and they do it on their own time and at their expense because they love it," said Lutz, who also places roadkill deer on the hill for the eagles.

The deer are placed far enough off the roadway to keep the eagles safe. The area has become quite a draw for people who stop to see eagles, coyotes and other wildlife feeding on

the venison.

Greer said he keeps a watchful eye on the area to ensure that the eagles are not being bothered with by snowmobilers or other people.

"If I feel those birds are being harassed at all, I won't hesitate to call the DNR," Greer said.

Elaine Carlson, a wildlife biologist for the DNR in Mio, said bald eagles lived for decades near the Great Lakes. But as the lakes began to become polluted, the federally endangered birds moved to interior areas where they could feed on smaller lakes and in marshes.

The eagles concentrate in large groups during the winter-time. A pair of eagles, which can live to be over 20-years-old, choose a mate for life and use the same nest year after year.

There are four mature eagles and two immature eagles, whose heads have not turned white, that feed on the deer placed off of M-93.

Carlson said that there are 300 known eagle nesting territories in the state. Carlson said that volunteer programs like the one established by Stampfly and

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which is also referred as Headlee override, on the election ballot to recover the funding.

Voters for the ISD will be asked to restore .1171 mills for special education, allowing the COOR ISD to levy the maximum

rate of .75 mills. The rollback, which is for five years, would generate an additional \$368,860 in its first year if approved by voters.

The Crawford AuSable School District would receive \$79,685 if the rollback was approved. The

district has 18 severely handicapped students who attend the center programs operated by the COOR ISD in Roscommon. An additional 33 students are serviced by a COOR ISD social worker at the schools in the district.

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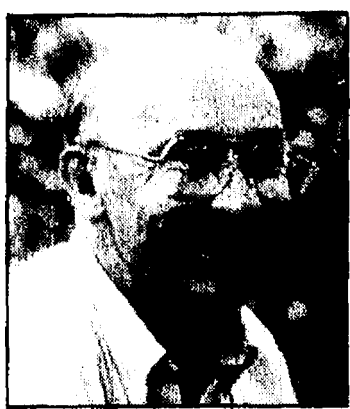
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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

# Mitt Romney hits big time in money chase

MAYBE THE Washington-New York circuit of politicians and pundits will start to take seriously Mitt Romney's campaign for president.

The Michigan native and former Massachusetts governor met and surpassed one of the superficial barriers established by so-called political decision makers to test legitimate candidacies for the White House.

"Nobody can be a serious candidate for president unless he/she can raise substantial money in the early going," is the usual mantra. "Campaign fundraising reports for the first quarter will show which candidates are real."

Those reports are in now, and as expected Democratic candidate Sen. Hillary Clinton of New York led the whole gang, reporting \$36 million collected, which includes transferring \$10 million just lying around extra in her senate campaign treasury. So her net take of new funds was a mere \$26 million.

Right on her heels was fellow Democrat Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois, reporting \$25 million raised, which surprised Clinton backers and put them on notice that they have a real tussle on their hands.

John Edwards of South Carolina was third in the Democratic dollar chase with \$14 million.

THE BIG SURPRISE is that Mitt Romney raised \$23 million (including \$2 million as a "loan" from his own pocket) to lead all Republican hopefuls, falling only a special fund raising event or two

behind Democratic money front runners Clinton and Obama.

The Romney effort far outdistanced the two Republican candidates who consistently lead him in most popularity polling. Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani reported raising \$15 million in the first quarter, and Sen. John McCain of Arizona reported \$12.5 million.

So Mitt Romney definitely is a genuine candidate for president with real credentials. Will his polling popularity rise? It remains to be seen, but I suspect it will.

National columnist Susan Estrich opined that being Mormon may have helped Mitt Romney raise money "because of the natural pride that community would feel toward its first possible president."

She also pointed out that polling indicates 30 percent of voters say they would not vote for a Mormon for president, "so you'd be hard pressed to argue that his religion is a positive factor in Romney's candidacy."

I question this whole premise.

In America today, religious preference is not a hindrance to holding public office. A specific faith probably is more politically advantageous than no religion at all.

Mormonism was not a determinant for voters who repeatedly elected father George Romney as governor in Michigan, nor son Mitt Romney as governor in Massachusetts, neither of which is a hotbed of Mormonism.

If you isolated a single factor in a poll, for exam-

ple, asking if voters "would vote for a candidate who has been divorced twice and married three times," folks might be reluctant, too, but multi-marriage, while not necessarily a political advantage, is not a determinant, either.

Besides, our voting history shows about 45 percent of voters or more will vote against any particular candidate for president for one reason or another.

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PERHAPS AN EVEN more significant note that Mitt Romney is a bona fide candidate for president is the attention paid by doubting media.

The Doonesbury comic strip recently devoted an entire week's run of daily episodes belittling Mitt Romney for modifying some earlier positions as he stakes out areas of concern in his presidential campaign.

Mr. Romney also is a regular target for standup comedians and late night television hosts. This collective drumming is a sign to me that Mitt Romney is indeed a real player in the 2008 presidential sweepstakes.

Garry Trudeau, who writes the Doonesbury satirical comic strip, does not usually target also-rans, but rather aims his barbs at front runners. David Letterman, Jay Leno and others in that line of comedy, irony and ridicule usually follow the same pattern.

There's no point in making fun of someone who's already at the bottom of the ladder, and the public does not take kindly to piling on a loser.

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DISCLAIMER — As regular readers might interpret, I admit that Mitt Romney is my personal favorite for president next year, and I may well write more about his campaign than the other dozen or so potentials in the race.

For the record, more than 40 years ago, I worked with his father, George Romney, as press secretary and advisor in his first two campaigns for Michigan governor, and joined his presidential campaign staff when he ran briefly for the White House in 1967-68. I admired and respected George Romney, and still have warm memories of those days.

I knew Mitt Romney as a teenager at that time. I have had minimal contact with him since, but I've followed his career and respect his achievements, both private and public.

I believe he would be a good president.

I also knew the other members of the George Romney family, and I like and respect them all, and admit I am not objective in my views about the Mitt Romney campaign.

Nobody has asked my campaign counsel this time, but if anyone should, I would advise the candidate to be who he is, and not try to be someone he is not. That's something Mitt Romney's father by his own example taught me.

# # #

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

# EDITOR

## Ambulance service may threaten to leave if they don't get their way

To the editor:

As I read the Avalanche article in the March 29 edition, I noticed some things were not stated properly. As well as some information not made available.

As a previous MMR employee, both my deceased wife and I worked in the Crawford County division. At no time over the last 5-6 years has MMR ever had three-24/hr ambulances on. They did have on occasion two-24/hr ambulances and one-12 or 13/hr ambulance. The only exception has been recently when they were pushing the ordinance.

Also MMR knew coming in when they bid the 911 contract for free that they would lose money. It was their hope that Northlight would abandon the area, leaving them to do as they wished. This information was given to me by several supervisors at different times, including Matt Holtcamp.

As far as Chief Ed Holtcamp goes, it appears he neglected to

state that he was on the Board of Directors of MMR, that he sells fuel to MMR from the Fire Department's fuel tank, and it has been stated that MMR pays rent to Beaver Creek Fire Department for parking a rig there. He also neglected to say MMR had financed an addition to his fire station. Both he and Matt both had mentioned it in conversations. So it appears that Chief Holtcamp may be financially driven as well as perhaps stature/ego driven.

The system has worked so far, now MMR will probably threaten to leave if they don't get their way. Bottom line is they bid it for free, so watch what you wish for as it may come true.

The true information should come forth, and for the record my deceased wife and I are Northlight employees, however I am in the Alpena division.

Kevin McNamara  
Luzerne

## Why is the city manager micromanaging the police department?

To the editor:

In response to the article in the April 5, 2007 edition of the Avalanche (city council meeting) why is the city manager the acting police commissioner? The Grayling Police Department only has five officers and a chief of police. Come on now, this is not Detroit.

Mr. Thayer, do you have any police training? I think not. Twelve hour shifts in police work is very common. It allows officers time off for family and personal business. You say that time and a half, plus an additional 8 eight hours pay for working a holiday, is not customary practice. Wrong again, many departments in Michigan have this benefit. The Crawford County Sheriff Office has had this benefit for many years. I would bet that you have your weekends and holidays off.

You say, Mr. Thayer, you want to reduce the city's liability. Taking benefits away and making officers work eight hour shifts (that they don't want) is not the way to do it. Morale problems lead to big liability

problems. The City of Grayling has the money to spend on trees and bushes, but not the people who protect the citizens of this community.

In my opinion, Mr. Thayer, you are micromanaging the people with the skills and training that you don't have. Leave these guys alone so they can do the job of protecting this community.

Now on to the city council. When are you going to stand up and be heard? How much longer are you going to stand by and let this go on? Do you want morale to go lower in the Grayling City Police Department? You have a duty to citizens and businesses in this community to see that there is harmony between administration and workers. This is a safety issue for all concerned. You have a city manager acting like a dictator. The question is: Are you going to sit idly by, or will you step up and solve the problem?

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## Allow personal issues to be put aside

To the editor:

In reflection of the article in last week's Avalanche regarding Camp Lehman's prison crews being withdrawn from assisting in the maintenance of Elmwood Cemeteries, I was very saddened. Grayling's City Manager, David Thayer, stated that he was waiting for a list of "essential services" from the Grayling Cemetery Sexton to identify other resources of achieving cemetery maintenance however, some of the jobs may not be done in a timely manner.

My personal concern is that as a new resident of the Crawford County community, Mr. Thayer has not taken ample opportunity to understand the historical pride that has been established over the past century in maintaining the Elmwood Cemeteries. In May of 1905, the first Cemetery Association was formed with members of our community's pioneers, acknowledging that upgrades and improvements were needed. The Cemetery Association officially adopted the name of Elmwood for the cemeteries. The community came together organizing many fund raisers. The Cemetery Association sold membership cards, community drama organizations held performances, and many individuals donated their time and skills to provide maintenance for the cemetery

grounds, installing a watering system, repairing and painting fences and buildings and planting elm trees along the street and main drive.

Since the early 1900s maintaining improvements at the Elmwood Cemeteries has been something that the people of Grayling expect. Elmwood Cemeteries is the final resting ground of many pioneer families who believed in a hard work ethic, and of paying your dues to society. It should not seem "strange" to see the men in "orange" doing the daily chores to maintain the grounds. In fact it is refreshing to know that these men have the opportunity to support a community in a way in which many future generations will benefit.

It amazes me that \$40 and a lot of bureaucratic ideologies have misplaced Crawford County's community needs with their own personal desire for power. Do what is right, make an ethical choice to allow personal desire to be put to the side, tax issues to be remedied in a manner that is fair and just, and to realize the community need for Lehman's workers to be encouraged to come back to help beautify Elmwood Cemeteries.

Nancy Stone  
Crawford County Genealogy  
volunteer  
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## Kudos to new Avalanche website

To the editor:

Kudos to the webmaster of the Crawford County Avalanche newspaper. Your new website is very much appreciated. I refer to your website each week, to get the "latest." Now, I am able to get all information and news,

rather than a small portion. Being a former native of Grayling, I am interested in "what's going on." Thanks again.

Joan L. Murphy  
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# BRIEFS

## New Zealand travelogue to replace Sun States

Due to technical problems, the Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Travel and Adventure Series film "The Real World of The Sun States", scheduled for April 12, at the Rialto Theatre will be replaced with "New Zealand." The show will begin at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 6:45 p.m. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors/students and are available at the Grayling Chamber of Commerce or at the door. For more information call the D.J. Brown at 989-348-4330.

## Church to honor area veterans

St. Mary's Catholic Church will be hosting a concert by The Capital City Ringers hand-bell ensemble on Sunday, April 15, at 3:30 p.m. The public is welcome to this patriotic musical to honor our area veterans. An informal dinner reception will be held in the parish hall following the performance. For more information call St. Mary's office at 989-348-7657.

## Straits Area Ostomy Assoc. to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, April 15, at 2 p.m., in the cafeteria at Cheboygan Memorial Hospital, Cheboygan. All ostomates and interested persons are invited. Call 989-821-5721 for information.

## Survival class registration begins

Hanson Hills will be hosting a Wilderness Survival class on Saturday, May 19, at 11 a.m. at Hanson Hills, for ages 15 years and older, under 18 must have parent/guardian permission. Registration deadline is April 27, cost is \$20. Learn fire making, shelter building, and what you need in a basic survival kit. Registration form required. Visit [www.hansonhills.org](http://www.hansonhills.org) or call 989-348-9266.

## Post office to host Passport Fair

For your convenience the Grayling Post Office will host a Passport Fair on Saturday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring a raised seal birth certificate and picture I.D. Must pay by check or money order to State Department and also pay by check or money order to the postmaster.

## Eagles Club seeking officer nominations

The Grayling Eagles Club will hold nominations for officers at their April 16 meeting at 7 p.m.

## Business expo and job fair to be held

A business expo and job fair will be held at the Grayling High School on Thursday, April 19, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call Kay Cosgray at Michigan Works 989-348-8709. For business booth rental, contact the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce at 989-348-2921.

## Pneumonia vaccines available for seniors

The Crawford County Health Department has pneumonia vaccines available for seniors 65 years and older. Medicaid and Medicare can be billed for the vaccine. One dose offers protection against 23 types of bacteria that cause pneumonia. For more information, or an appointment call 989-348-7800.

## Republican party to meet

The Republican Party of Crawford County will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 16, at 7 p.m., at the Crawford County courthouse.

## Eagles to hold breakfast

The Grayling Eagles #3465 will hold an all-you-can-eat breakfast on Saturday, April 14, from 8 a.m. until noon. The public is welcome.

## Bridge work begins in April

Two bridges on US-127 and one on M-33 will be repaired by MDOT beginning April 2 in Crawford, Roscommon and Ogemaw counties.

M-33 over the west branch of the Rifle River in Ogemaw County - Work includes joint replacement and approach work. M-33 will be reduced to one lane with traffic maintained by a portable temporary traffic signal. Proposed start is April 2, with a completion date expected of May 24.

US-127 and Fletcher Road in Crawford County - Work includes deck patching, substructure repairs, pin and hanger replacement, approach work and bridge painting. Fletcher Road will be closed to traffic. Traffic will be detoured to Military Road via Old 27, Higgins Lake Drive and Military Road. Lane and shoulder closures will occur on

US-127. A minimum of one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction. Proposed start is April 2, with a completion date expected of May 24.

US-127 at Military Road in Crawford County - Work includes substructure repairs, pin and hanger replacement, approach work and bridge painting. Military Road will be reduced to one lane with traffic maintained by a portable temporary traffic signal. Lane and shoulder closures will occur on US-127. A minimum of one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction. Proposed start is April 2, with a completion date expected of May 24.

Motorists are encouraged to drive the appropriate speed when traveling through work zones. The new freeway work zone signing indicates the speed limit is 45 Where Workers are Present!

## Weight restrictions lifted

Effective April 3, weight restrictions for commercial truck traffic are lifted on state trunklines from the southern Michigan border north and including the entire stretch of US-10 at Ludington in Mason County, east to and including M-25 and the thumb area in Huron County.

There are no restrictions for legal axle weight loads on roads designated as "all-season trunklines."

All extended permits will be valid for oversized loads in the weight-restricted area on the

restricted routes. Single trip permits will not be issued for any overweight loads or loads exceeding 14 feet in width on the restricted routes.

For weight restriction information and updates, call 800-787-8960, or access MDOT's Web site at [www.michigan.gov/mdot](http://www.michigan.gov/mdot) under "Favorite Links," then click on "Truckers Services." All-season routes are designated in green and gold on the MDOT Truck Operators Map, which is available online at [www.michigan.gov/mdot/](http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/).

## New qualified forest property act to be explained

A series of four workshops will be held in mid-April across the northern Lower Peninsula to explain the elements of a new property tax program designed for privately owned forestlands in Michigan. These workshops are being sponsored by the MSU Extension Forestry Team in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and local county Conservation Districts.

Michigan's new property tax act-called the Qualified Forest Property (QFP) Program- was signed into law in September 2006. It encourages private forestland owners to develop forest management plans and actively manage their property over the long run. "The new law extends some tax incentives to owners in return to their commitment to management." Landowners enrolled in the QFP program will be exempt from non-homestead property taxes (18 mills) as long as they remain in the program," states Dr. Karen Potter-Witter, Michigan State University forestry professor.

"There are a number of eligibility requirements. However, a few of the more important ones are that parcels of forestland must be at least 20 acres and not more than 320 acres in size within a tax unit. In addition, no buildings are allowed as part of the enrolled parcel and landowners do not have to allow public access under this new act," says Potter-Witter.

The purpose of these meetings across northern Michigan is to explain in detail whether

this act is appropriate for non-homestead private landowners and to present all of the eligibility and withdrawal requirements associated with this new QFP program. Anyone attending will also be given a detailed set of handouts to take home and study on their own.

Resource speakers include Dr. Potter-Witter, other members of the MSU Extension Forestry team and local natural resource professionals involved with the QFP program.

The dates and locations for the four programs are:

Tuesday, April 17, at 7 p.m. at the Boyne City Hall.

Wednesday, April 18, at 7 p.m. at the Wexford County MSUE office in Cadillac.

Tuesday, April 24, at 7 p.m. at the Green Township Hall in Lachine.

Wednesday, April 25, at 7 p.m. at the Ogemaw MSUE office in West Branch.

A program brochure and registration form is available online or through your local MSU Extension office as well as most county Conservation District offices. The registration fee is \$15 per person and includes an information packet. Payment can be made ahead of time or at the door. Pre-registration is required and the deadline is one week prior to each session listed above.

For more information about this program, go to [www.msue.msu.edu/charlevoix](http://www.msue.msu.edu/charlevoix) or contact the Roscommon County MSU Extension office at 989-275-5043 or via e-mail at [msue72@msu.edu](mailto:msue72@msu.edu).

## KCC hosts annual nursing conference in Grayling

Kirtland Community College's Department of Nursing is inviting all area nurses to its annual Spring Nursing Conference on Tuesday, May 8, at the Holiday Inn in Grayling.

The one-day conference will begin at 8:15 a.m. on May 8, with registration and a continental breakfast, and end at about 4:15 p.m. This year's topics include "Emerging Infectious Diseases" with Dr. William Muth; "Advances and Controversies in Chronic Pain Management" by Linda Vanni; "Nursing Identity" with Mary Lee Pakieser; and "Survive and Thrive in Nursing" by Nancy Pavelek.

Cynde Kochensparger, nursing clinical coordinator at Kirtland, said the conference will help nurses fulfill several goals.

"Nurses need to know that the law has changed and that they must now complete a continuing education course on pain management in order to be relicensed," Kochensparger said.

The spring conference will meet the Michigan State Board of Nursing's continuing education requirement, which became effective with all 2007 licensure renewals. But, to earn certification, participants must attend the entire conference, as no partial credits will be granted.

"The conference is being held

## Church to hold mortgage pay-off celebration

The Grayling Assembly of God invites all members, past and present, their friends, family and the public to take a celebration service honoring the pay-off of the church's mortgage. The service will be held on Sunday, April 15, at 10:30 a.m. with special guest speaker William Leach, Michigan District Superintendent of the Assemblies of God. All in attendance are invited to a luncheon immediately following the service. For more information call the church at 989-348-8885.

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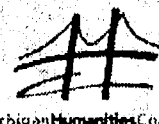
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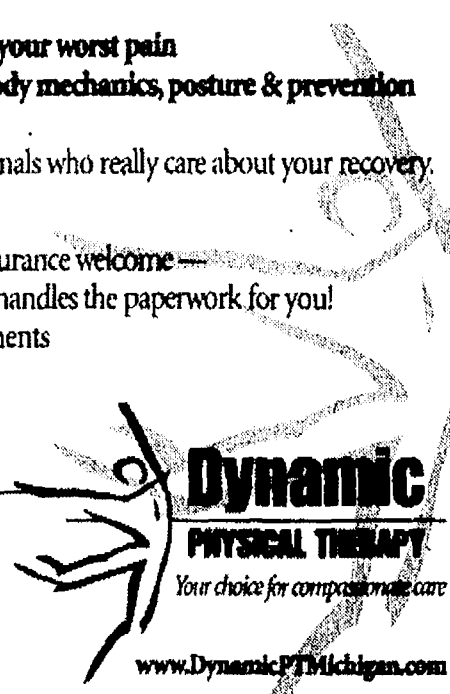
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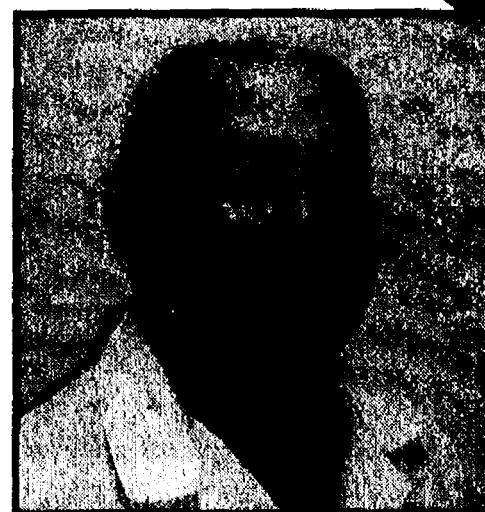
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# The Bible Speaks

## Justification Joy

Christians know they are safe from future wrath: "9Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him." (Rom. 5:9). We know also we shall live eternally through the resurrection life of Jesus Christ: "10For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life." (Rom. 5:10). Therefore, we should better understand Romans 5:11: "And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement."

This Greek word translated "joy" is also translated "rejoice" in Romans 5:2: "2By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." It is translated "should boast" in Eph. 2:8,9: "8For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9Not of works, lest any man should boast. "The word is translated glory and glorieth in 1 Cor. 1:29-31: "29That no flesh should glory in his presence. 30But of him are ye in

Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 31That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord."

The God of our salvation should be the object of our joy. This is the context of verse 11: "...but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ..." 17But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord." (2 Cor. 10:17). As Paul said in Gal. 6:14: "14But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice." (Phil 4:4). We read the example of the virgin Mary in Luke 1:46,47: "46And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord., 47And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." As the apostle Peter said in 1 Pet. 1:8: "8Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."

We joy and rejoice not only because Jesus Christ has taken our wrath by dying for our sins, and given us eternal life, but He has given us assurance of atone-

ment or reconciliation with God; "by whom we have now received the atonement." (Rom. 5:11c). Jesus Christ has fulfilled all the types and pictures of the Old Testament atonement by His perfect sacrifice. Lev. 17:11 says: "11For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." Yet we know in Heb. 10:4: "4For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins." And as Rom. 5:9 taught us: "9Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."

"24Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." (Rom. 3:24-26). Let us rejoice! Pastor "B"

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## OBITUARIES



**Annabelle L. Armstrong**  
Aug. 24, 1928 - April 9, 2007

Annabelle Lee Armstrong, 78, of Frederic, passed away on April 9, 2007.

She was born on August 24, 1928, in Grayling, to Clayton David and Maime Ella (Thurston) Straehly.

She was employed as a caregiver and she volunteered for many activities. She was a member of the Frederic Hobby Club, Frederic EMS, and helped with school board elections. She was also a member of the Grayling Chapter #83 of Order of Eastern Star and served as secretary for 10 years and was a past Worthy Matron.

She is survived by her daughter, Sally (Neil) Tomes of Frederic; grandchildren: Mariah Armstrong, Levi Bunker, Nicholas Bunker, Caleb Tomes; sister, Margrethe Cody of Tenn.; brothers, Howard Moggo of Grayling and Frederic Moggo of Essexville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, William Martin Armstrong; son, Richard Armstrong; brother, Milford Moggo; and sister, Madeline Kucharek.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 11, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home. A memorial service by the Order of Eastern Stars, will begin at 2 p.m., with funeral service to follow at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, with Rev. George Morse officiating.

Interment will be later in the spring at Oakwood Cemetery, Frederic Township.

Condolences may be sent to [www.sorensonlockwood.com](http://www.sorensonlockwood.com). Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, Grayling.

### Donald C. Palmer

March 22, 1926 - April 6, 2007

Donald C. Palmer, 81, of Grayling, died on April 6, 2007.

He was born in Lansing, on March 22, 1926 to the late Robert A. and Greta M. (Pardon) Palmer.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Force. He was a retired funeral director and also worked in general maintenance at C.F. Fick and Sons.

He married Joyce Pickell in October of 2005.

He was a member of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, the Grayling Lodge #356 F & AM where he served as Past Master and also as secretary for 15 years, Grayling Chapter #83 Order of Eastern Star, Gaylord Chapter #119 Royal Arch Masons, Inverness Council No. 60 R & S M, Cheboygan Commandery Gaylord No. 50 Knights Templar, National Camping Travelers, Inc, where he served as Past District Director and as Master Traveler of the Year.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; daughters, Amy K. Valley of Midland, Deborah K. Palmer of Harrison; sons: Daniel S. (Krystal) Palmer of Richland, Wash., Douglas C. (Carmen) Palmer of Austin, Texas, David C. (Kathleen) Palmer of Irvine, Calif., Michael (Lorraine) Palmer of Kalamazoo, James J. (Angie) Pickell of Grayling, and Tony D. (Christi) Pickell of Suttons Bay; 10 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

The funeral service was held on April 9, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, with Dr. William Cargo officiating.

Interment will be at Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

Memorials may be made to Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church Building Fund.

Condolences may be sent to [www.sorensonlockwood.com](http://www.sorensonlockwood.com). Arrangements were made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, Grayling.

### Andrew Muma

Andrew James Muma, 25, of Greenville, passed away unexpectedly.

He was born in Grayling, on April 27, 1981, to Reno Muma Sr. and Dianna Goudie. He was raised in the Grayling, Farwell and Clare areas and attended Clare area public schools.

He was an outdoorsman who loved hunting with both bow and gun, fishing, camping, hunting mushrooms and blueberry picking. He also loved playing basketball with Nick, farming with his friend Jerry and building houses with Scott. He liked working on his hobby farm with his chickens and goats.

He is survived by his parents; his fiancée, Angela Durham; sister, Christina (Robert) Duncan of Indian River; brother, Reno (Amber) Muma Jr. of Lake George; step-brother, Robert Lewis of Sanford; nephews: Damian Duncan, Brooklyn and Braden Muma; grandmother, Joyce Goudie; step-grandparents, Clarence and Sue Lewis; Angela's children, Nick and Amanda, and her granddaughter, Kailynne; uncles and aunts: Arthur (Becky) Goudie, Carrie (Bill) Lamont, Sandy (Bob) Hayward, Michelle (Clifford) Wilson, Robin O'Neil, Cindy (Rich) Derrick, David (Tina) Lewis, Mick (Darcy) Lewis; and 26 cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, James Goudie; great-grandparents, David and Margaret Cook; and one step-cousin, Marta.

A memorial service was held on April 10, 2007 at Shiloh Community Church in Orleans.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Arrangements made by Huffman-Brigham Funeral Chapel in Belding.



**Colonel Dennis D. Hull**  
Dec. 10, 1950 - April 8, 2007

Colonel Dennis D. Hull, 56, of Roscommon, lost his courageous battle with cancer April 8, 2007.

Hull was born Dec. 10, 1950 to Luther and Shirley (Keck) Hull in Alma. He married Sandra Shaw, Feb. 10, 1973 at the Edgewood Church of God near Ithaca.

Hull began his military career on April 7, 1969 enlisting in Company A, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment, Alma. He accepted his commission as a Second Lieutenant on June 29, 1975 from the Michigan Military Academy as a Field Artillery Officer. He later served with the 146th Military Police Battalion as the Training, Administrative, and Logistics Officer, as well as the Commander of the Headquarters Detachment.

On Jan. 6, 1985, he was transferred to the Michigan National Guard Headquarters as the State Mobilization Officer. Two years later, he became the State Emergency Management Coordinator for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

On Jan. 1, 2000, he was reassigned and transferred to the position of Post Commander of Camp Grayling where he served until his retirement on Feb. 1, 2006 becoming the longest serving Commander at Camp Grayling. Under his leadership, Camp Grayling moved forward with numerous modernization programs.

Hull earned an Associate Degree in Law Enforcement from Lansing Community College and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Spring Arbor University. His military education includes successful completion of: Field Artillery Officer Basic Course; Military Police Officer Basic and Advance courses; and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff Officer College. He had extensive background in emergency management and military support to civil authorities having orchestrated support for over 20 state emergencies/disasters.

Col. Hull's many Federal Military awards include a Humanitarian Service Medal, four Army Commendation Medals, two Meritorious Service Medals, and the Federal Legion of Merit. He was awarded the Federal Civilian Superior Service Medal. Col. Hull's State military awards include the State Active Duty Service Medal, two Legions of Merit and the Distinguished Service Medal.

He has been a member of the Military Police Corps for 29 years and has a total of 37 years of military service in the Michigan Army National Guard.

Hull was a member of the Grayling Rotary, Grayling Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Law Enforcement Association, American Legion, and the Grayling Conservation Club.

He is survived by his wife Sandra; son Austin; brothers: Rodney (Marcie) Hull of South Bend, Ind., Tim (Ann) Hull of St. Louis; two nephews; and five nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Luther and Shirley Hull.

Services will be held on Thursday, April 12, at 11 a.m., at the Ithaca Church of God. Pastor James Conn and Chaplain Moore (retired State Chaplain) will officiate.

Interment will follow at North Star Cemetery.

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Adult Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School ..... 11 am  
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Saturday Sabbath School ..... 10:30 am  
Tuesday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm

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Associate Pastor Tom Faunce  
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Sunday School (youth & adult) ..... 10 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Wed Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7-8 pm

Free Methodist  
Rick Secord - Pastor  
6652 (M-72 W) • 348-9093  
Early Service ..... 8:30 am  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) ..... 7 pm

Emma Lowery United  
Church of Christ  
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am  
Adult and Youth Sunday School ..... 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist  
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411  
[heritagebaptist-grayling.org](http://heritagebaptist-grayling.org)  
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd (1/4 mile west of I-75)  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday ..... 7 pm

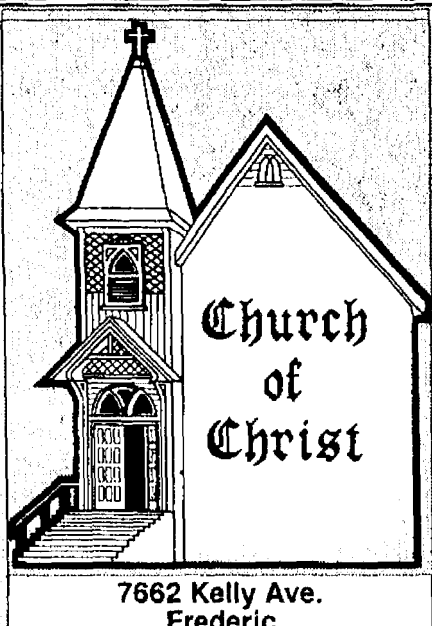
Grayling Assembly of God  
Pastor Gary Woldan  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Parsonage 348-7466  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 am  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am  
Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Family Night Adult-Youth-Children (Wed) ..... 7 pm

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Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7 pm

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President David Page  
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Sacrament ..... 10 am  
Sunday School ..... 11 am  
Primary ..... 11 am  
Priesthood ..... 12 noon  
Relief Society ..... 12 noon

Burning Bush Tabernacle  
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278  
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sunday Service, Children's Church and Youth Service ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm  
Wednesday Service ..... 7 pm  
Friday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm  
(van transportation available)

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)  
710 Spruce Street  
348-5224  
Sunday School ..... 9:15 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 am

Community of Christ  
Pastor Ann Doty  
North Down River Rd. at  
1030 Glenn Rd. • 348-9751  
Church School ..... 9:45 am  
Preaching (Wed) ..... 11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer ..... 7 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community  
Robert W. Nalley, J.V., Pastor  
Parish Office - 707 Spruce - 348-7657  
Saturday Evening Masses ..... 4:30 pm  
Sunday Masses ..... 10:00 am

St. Francis Episcopal  
Reverend Elizabeth Chase  
M-72 West • Office 348-5850  
Morning Prayer Tues-Fri ..... 8:30 am  
Eucharist (Wed) ..... 8:30 am  
Sunday Holy Eucharist ..... 8:30 & 10:30 am

Resurrection Life Fellowship  
Pastor Bud & Debbie Mann  
Sunday Service ..... 10:30 am  
Mid Week Services (Wed) 7:00 p.m.  
are held at Milltown Corner Building  
(Behind Cornell Real Estate)  
Mail: 9141 N. Cut River Rd Roscommon, MI 48653  
Phone: 989-348-9382 or 989-821-6722  
E-mail: [rlsfellowship@hotmail.com](mailto:rlsfellowship@hotmail.com)

New Creation Ministry  
Pastors Darrell & Julie Bobcommer  
Matrix Youth Center • 6441 W Pine Point Rd.  
989-348-2025 • 989-390-3513  
Sunday School ..... 11:00 am  
Tuesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 pm  
Grayling Valley Tabernacle Church of God

Grayling Valley Tabernacle Church of God  
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Matrix Youth Center • 6441 W Pine Point Rd.  
989-348-2025 • 989-390-3513  
Sunday School ..... 11:00 am  
Tuesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 pm  
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Tuesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 pm  
Grayling Valley Tabernacle Church of God

Pastor Donald Cook  
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Meeting at the Primary School  
Sunday Worship / Primary School ..... 10:30 am  
Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

Calvary Baptist Church  
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor  
M-72 West  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday ..... 7 pm  
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) ..... 7 pm

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TV 29 & 8 ..... 7:30 am  
Sunday Classes ..... 10 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening ..... 7 pm  
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Mid-Week Bible Study (Wed) ..... 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle  
Pastor Lyle Stuber  
211 Shellenbarger St. • 348-5325  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am & 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening ..... 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church  
Affiliated with S.B.C.  
Pastor John Scott  
705 Madison St. • Grayling • 348-2557  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday Service ..... 7 pm

Best Lake Christian  
Pastor David Rosenberg  
Associate Pastor Scott Hoffer  
M-72 & Past Bear Lake Rd.  
Sunday Church Service ..... 10 am - 6:30 pm  
Sunday School ..... 9 am  
Bible Study (Wed) ..... 7 pm  
Youth Group 2nd & 4th Wed. ..... 6:30 pm

Lutheran Baptist  
Pastor James Duffee  
2247 Duffee Lane  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7 pm

Church Alive Church of God  
Pastor David Barker  
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska • (231) 258-3448  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Worship Service ..... 11 am & 6 pm  
Family Training Hour and Prayer (Wed) ..... 7 pm

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS)  
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Sunday Worship Service ..... 10:30 am

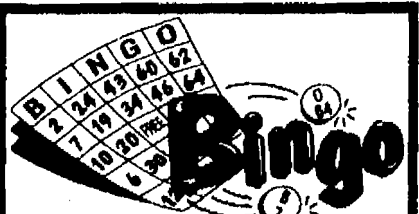
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The Roscommon Community Center  
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Morning Worship ..... 10 am  
Tue. Women's Bible Study ..... 10 am  
Wed. Men's Bible Study ..... 12 noon

## Card of Thanks

We would like to thank the Grayling Nursing Home and Dr. Gosling; from all of our friends, for the cards, flowers and visits. Thank you to the Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home for being so helpful during all of my husband's illness. He leaves behind two brothers, nieces and nephews.

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Jim Warren will share highlights of training and racing in the Iditarod at the April 18 Grayling Rotary meeting. The above photo shows Jim leading his pack of dogs at the start of the race in Anchorage.

## Rotary to host Iditarod racer as guest speaker

Jim Warren, one of Michigan's few Iditarod racers, will present highlights of his Iditarod adventures, at the Grayling Rotary Club meeting on April 18, at 12:15 p.m., at Michelson Memorial Church.

The call of the wild and lure of Alaska's Iditarod Sled Dog Race captured the imagination of Michigan's Jim Warren after his tour of the Iditarod. He only had a Golden Retriever at the time. Against the odds a scant four years later Jim drove his team of 10 Alaskan Huskies under the famous burl arch in Nome. They had traveled the 1150 miles across Alaska where Mother Nature delivers some of the most brutal weather yet most spectacular scenery on the planet. He finished the Iditarod in 13 days and at age 59 was the oldest rookie.

Warren posted journals to his web site as he trained the dogs at their SledDog Lodge near Tahquamenon Falls State Park in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. When his son Christopher joined after finishing high school early to accompany him to Alaska, Chris' journals were added. Chris actually kept up his journal while he hitchhiked by bush plane across Alaska to follow his father while Jim was running the dogs in the Iditarod. The hard work, fears, frustrations and of course the love for the dogs caught the attention of many fans. The result is the family's

book, *Following My Father's Dreams, Journals of a Rookie Iditarod Run* by James and Christopher Warren. This has become a popular book used in the classroom by school teachers.

Warren operates Warren Homestead (Christmas) Tree Farm on the very farm where he grew up in rural Linwood. The summer kennel (dog yard) is also at the farm and gives the sled dogs a good place to relax and recover from their grueling winter time activities.

Warren also operates the family's SledDog Lodge in Michigan's Upper Peninsula near Tahquamenon Falls State Park where wintertime snows make for ideal sled dog training. Friends and acquaintances stay for the season to train for Iditarod. Several Iditarod dog teams train in the area.

At age 62 Warren says he has another Iditarod left in him and plans to run again next year and is working to pull together enough financial support.

When asked why he runs Iditarod, Jim hesitates, perhaps a little unsure, but replies, "I love the training of the dogs. There is a special relationship with the dogs that develops over the hundreds, thousands of miles of training travel. It is almost impossible to describe. You may have been there when the dog took its first breath. You are entrusted as the pack leader and

given unconditional friendship and trust. Then when faced with adversity... and I don't mean a little discomfort, I am talking about 40 below with 40 mph winds and 50 miles from anything, cold, a killing cold.... a special bond develops. As a human you are forced to look your own frailty square in the face, standing in a place that has no sympathy for the frail, none. You understand, clearly, you are simply a member of the team, a team of muscle and blood, no more, no less. It will take the best effort of everyone, human and dog, to get through it. You hope you have enough."

Warren continues, "Those are the times that bond human and dog; you are profoundly changed. During its life the dog has given you its best, and yes, sometimes it's worst. And later you may be there for the dog's last breath. Saddened you know the dog has given all it had to you, and asked for so little."

Quickly Jim changes the pace and gives more explanation of why he runs Iditarod. "There is another side of it. I think Christopher nailed it in his journal." (Chris' Journal Entry: Eighteen year old Chris was driving the mandatory second sled tied behind Jim's at the Anchorage ceremonial start.)

"As we rocketed out of the start chute I couldn't help myself; I started laughing out of sheer elation. The sun was out,

the dogs were strong, and the air was clean. The ten mile long ceremonial start was lined by thousands of people all cheering, waving and smiling. The last two years of long nights, hard work and frustration were worth it. There is something magical about riding a sled behind an Iditarod team on your way out of Anchorage. That feeling alone was worth even the 4000 mile road trip."

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## LIBRARY NEWS

**Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library**  
National Library Week, April 15-21, is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries, librarians and library workers and to promote library use and support. In honor of this week, the Crawford County Library System will be hosting children's author Leslie Helakoski at Grayling Elementary School on Tuesday, April 17 at 1:30 p.m. Helakoski has been nominated for the Great Lakes Great Book award for "Big Chickens", her

book that leads us on a plucky adventure with four fearful feathered friends who learn to get over being 'fraidy cats and become brave and daring chickens indeed. Helakoski's story mirrors her own "can do" attitude when she was told how difficult it was to get published .... and chose not to listen. Though originally from Louisiana, this author now hails from Kalamazoo and got her degree in illustration from Northern Michigan University.

In her first book "The Smushy Bus," Mr. Mathers, the

bus driver, must come up with a creative solution if he is to fit all the kids on his school bus. This book makes math fun. Helakoski will feature The Smushy Bus in her presentation, but also promises to give us a sneak preview of her two new books coming out later this year: "Woolbur" a story of a sheep that bleats to his own beat; and "More Chickens!!! Big Chickens Fly the Coop".

So if you're feeling "cooped up" please join Helakoski at the Grayling Elementary School.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 69 complaints the week of April 2 - April 8:

One delinquent minors, one false alarm activation, one assault/intimidation/stalking, one burglary/home invasion, one burglary-breaking and entering an unoccupied structure, eight

larcenies, one sex offenses/indecent exposure, two public peace/disorderlies, one OUIL/UBAL, four health and safeties, one runaway, 10 traffic accidents, two accidents-non-traffic, one traffic violations-civil infraction, two civil matters/family disputes, 11 suspicious situations, one suicide, one natural death, 15 general

non-criminal complaints, two driving violations/driving while license suspended and two driving on revoked/suspended/refused license complaints.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

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This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, April 13 - Lunch - BBQ meatballs, Italian blend vegetables, corn, and peaches. No dinner. 12 p.m. Frederic and Maple Forest Satellite Meal, 1 Pantry Bingo.

Saturday, April 14 - Foot clinic, cost is \$15. Call 821-5428 for appt. and bring your own towel.

Monday, April 16 - Lunch - scalloped potatoes with ham, green beans, peaches, and apple. Dinner - taco salad, lettuce and tomatoes, mexican corn, and tropical fruit salad. 9:30 a.m.

COA board meeting, 10 a.m. aerobics, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 5:30 p.m. Yahtzee.

Tuesday, April 17 - Lunch - hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, and mixed fruit. Dinner - swiss steak, boiled potatoes, green beans, and pears. 10 a.m. Bible study, 12:45 p.m. Euchre, 5:30 p.m. Bunco.

Wednesday, April 18 - Lunch - tuna noodle casserole, asparagus, tossed salad, and mandarin oranges. Dinner - western omelet, O'Brien potatoes, fresh fruit medley, muffin and orange. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. Kings and Queens, Bible study, and Unlucky Sevens, 2 p.m. caregiver class, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Wendy's Fund Raiser Night, 5:30 p.m. karaoke sing-a-long.

Thursday, April 19 - Lunch - Teriyaki chicken with rice, broccoli, cauliflower and pineapple. Dinner - roast pork, sweet potatoes, creamed peas, and applesauce. 10 a.m. aerobics and craft class, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 5:30 p.m. Uno-Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of April 12 - 18 is as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during April 12 - 18.

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek. April 12 - 18.

ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and north of Portage Creek. April 12 - 14 and 16 - 19.

Range 20 and 21, Demolition Ranges located south of Howe Rd., west of the Crawford County line, north of Daniels Rd. and east of the gas pipeline. April 13 - 14.

The Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd., south of County Rd. 612, and west of

Bald Hill Truck Trail. April 13 - 15.

In addition the following roads will be closed on: April 12 - 15: Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Rd. to Bald Hill Truck Trail; Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to N. Down River Rd.; Stephan Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd.; and Wakeley Bridge Road. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371. For further information call 1-989-344-6320.

### Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone during our recent loss. Special thanks to Mercy Hospital ER, doctors and nurses on the 2nd floor, especially CCU, the MMR crew for their special care, all our family and friends for the food, cards, flowers, comforting words and for being there, especially Joe and Tossia and Jan and Viv, you were such a big help. To Grayling VFW Post and auxiliary for the service and luncheon, American Legion Post 106, Camp Grayling Rifle Squad, and

honor guard, the US Air Force and Floyd Iverson, VFW, District 11 Honor Guard for the memorial service. Thanks to our employers McDonalds and DK Security for giving us so much time off, and for Dean Smith and the Holiday Inn for all you did for our family. A special thank you to Terri Lockwood and Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home for guiding us through a difficult time.

The family of Ray Ingalls  
Mike, Joyce and Dawn

### Card of Thanks

To all the loving family and friends who have helped me deal with the loss of my wonderful husband Robert (Bob) Wakeley, I would like to say thank you. Thanks for the cards, money, flowers, food and just for stopping by our home with your prayers. None of you will be forgotten. I have realized how supportive our family and friends have been at this time of sorrow. Thanks to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home for all your help. Thanks to Dr. Gosling for the

comfort and support. Thanks to the Fraternal Order of Eagles for their part in the funeral and the wonderful dinner. Also thanks to Father Nally, Rev. Joe Robertson and his wife Mary Ellen of Tawas and the Girls at the Medicine Shoppe.

I am not sure I could have done this without each and everyone of you. Thanks to our children, I love you all.

Thanks again,  
Marge Wakeley

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## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following complaints during the week of April 1 - April 8:

One private property accident, seven traffic warnings, two misdemeanor arrests, one misdemeanor citation, six suspicious situation complaints, four attempts to locate, two disturbance complaints, eight city ordinance violations, five larceny complaints, two assist other departments, one juvenile complaint, one assault and battery complaint, one animal control complaint and 16 unclassified complaints.

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## Kubinek brings madness, laughter to KCPA

Tomas Kubinek, who has traveled the globe as the self-proclaimed "certified lunatic and master of the impossible," will bring his exuberant madness and a thrilling variety of acrobatic feats to the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts (KCPA) on Kirtland Community College's main campus near Roscommon for one show only at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 14.

Kubinek is sure to have the audience cheering as he somersaults backwards while balancing a wineglass on his head – and not spill a drop. People will be thrilled as he risks life and limb, climbing an innocent bystander.

And then they'll duck as the actor, acrobat, conjuror and clown takes to the air on colossal canvas wings. Not to mention he'll make the KCPA explode with laughter at his outrageous theatrics.

Tickets for the event are \$22 and \$20 in advance, or \$24 and \$22 at the door. Family pricing (two adults and up to three children, or one adult and up to four children) is \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door. Senior discounts



Tomas Kubinek will bring a thrilling variety of acrobatic feats to the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts at Kirtland Community College on Saturday, April 14.

and group rates are also available.

Child care services will be available at the Children's Learning Center for \$5 for one child or \$10 for a family.

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## Kirtland to host hands-on birding workshop

Birding enthusiasts will have an opportunity to better their skills during a hands-on workshop on Friday, May 18, at the Kirtland House on Kirtland Community College's main campus near Roscommon.

"Improving Your Birding Skills," which will help kick off the annual Kirtland's Warbler Festival slated for Saturday, May 19, will feature Caleb Putnam, a skilled ornithologist and lifelong birder. Putnam is also the Michigan Important Bird Areas (IBA) coordinator and chairman of the Michigan Bird Records Committee.

"Early birds" will get a chance to meet Putnam, and grab a coffee and doughnut before the presentation starts at 9:30 a.m. The day-long workshop is scheduled to end at about 3:30 p.m.

During the workshop, birders and naturalists – from beginners to experts – will have a chance to learn how to take their birding skills to the next level and improve their bird identification skills, general knowledge of

birds and birding techniques.

To start off the day, birders and nature enthusiasts will join Putnam for a rousing morning of useful and colorful indoor presentations. Putnam will focus on bird plumage, bird songs, birding optics and new technologies.

After a catered lunch, participants will then head to nearby Kirtland's warbler habitat to field test and practice what was presented in the morning session. This will offer those who attend the workshop a great chance to potentially see and hear a Kirtland's warbler, plus some of the many other birds that share the warbler's jack pine habitat here in northern Michigan.

Participants should bring binoculars and come prepared to go into the field. Binoculars will be available for those who do not have their own.

Cost of the workshop is \$35 per person and includes lunch. To register, checks should be made out to Caleb Putnam and mail to the Kirtland House,



Caleb Putnam, ornithologist will kick off the annual Kirtland Warbler Festival on May 19 with a presentation of "Improving Your Birding Skills."

Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653. Seating is limited, with Tuesday, May 8, set as the deadline to register.

For more information about the workshop or the Kirtland's Warbler Festival, call 989-275-5000, extension 418 or 242, or visit online at <http://warbler.kirtland.edu/>.

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## GPA dinner show features Midland's Manhattan Transfer, 'Good Company'

The Grayling Promotional Association's Entertainment Series will be presenting a dinner show with Good Company, at the Grayling Holiday Inn on Thursday, April 19.

Good Company, under the direction of Jim Hohmeyer, is a seven-member vocal group sponsored by The Music Society at the Midland Center for the Arts (MCFTA) in Midland. They began singing together in 1999.

Their repertoire covers classical to jazz with an emphasis on contemporary vocal harmonies and blends.

They have performed with Steve Zegree's Jazz Quartet from Western Michigan University and opened for the well-known Michigan comedy ensemble "Three Men and a Tenor", Kirby Shaw's vocal group "Just 4 Kicks", the fabulous "Four Freshmen" and for Doc Severinson and his big band on the MCFTA stage.

In 2004, they were one of three vocal jazz groups invited to perform in Los Angeles for the ACDA National Conference.

Members of the group are: Jennifer Breneman, Jim Hohmeyer, Dave Keenan, Lora Keenan, Lisa Rosenstock, Brian



Good Company will be performing at the Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Series dinner show, at the Grayling Holiday Inn, on Thursday, April 19.

Sutherland, and Dave Young.

A limited amount of tickets for this dinner show are still available for \$30, at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, while supplies last. Dinner choice of New York Strip steak or Apple Jack Pork includes potato, vegetable, salad with roll, dessert and non-alco-

holic beverage. A cash bar will be available.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6:30 p.m., in the Evergreen Room at the Grayling Holiday Inn. The performance will follow dessert.

For more information on this performance or a schedule for the upcoming series call the

Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce at 989-348-2921.

The entertainment series is presented by the Grayling Promotional Association in partnership with area businesses and corporations, and a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council.

## 46TH CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT

### Sentencings for March 2007

**Hon. Dennis F. Murphy**  
Lucus William Hurd, age 19 of Grayling - Pled guilty on Feb. 8, 2007 to controlled substance possession less than 25 grams; sentenced on March 8, 2007 to serve six months in jail with credit for three days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 24 months.

Aaron Michael Daneluk, age 30 of Frederic - Plead guilty on Feb. 8, 2007 to jail-prisoner possession of contraband; sentenced on March 8, 2007 to serve six months in jail with

credit for three days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee.

Michael Steven Miller, age 47 of Grand Blanc - Plead guilty on Feb. 8, 2007 to operating-operating under the influence of liquor/per se; sentenced on March 23, 2007 to serve 12 months in jail, with credit for three days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs and \$500 penal fine; placed on probation for 24 months.

Ralph Edward Parish, age 66 of Grayling - Convicted by jury on March 14, 2007 for criminal

sexual conduct first-degree relation; sentenced on March 23, 2007 to serve 10 to 30 years in prison with credit for 12 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee.

**Hon. Janet M. Allen**  
Jeremy Robert Coulter, age 26 of Grayling - Convicted by jury, on Jan. 26, 2007 for false statement identity; sentenced on March 5, 2007 to serve 365 days in prison with credit for 248 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee.

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Kirtland Community College art instructor Scott Rice stands with some of his students – (L to R) Mary Rach, Jamie Carroll, Jesse Handrich, Scott Rice, Mike Emig, Justin LaDoux, Lacey Sposato and Stephanie Kann – who were in attendance for the 2007 Distinguished Alumni Awards for Kendall College of Art and Design on March 15 at the Peninsular Club in Grand Rapids.

## Dedication earns KCC instructor honor from Kendall

By Lisa Cochran

Scott Rice, a full-time art instructor at Kirtland Community College's main campus near Roscommon, had plenty of reasons to celebrate on Thursday, March 15, and not just because it was his 37th birthday.

In front of family and friends, as well as several current and past Kirtland art students, Rice was honored with the Kendall College of Art and Design Alumni Community Service Award during an awards ceremony in Grand Rapids.

"It was a very humbling experience," said Rice, who lives in St. Helen with his wife, Ann, and their two sons. "Even the more well-known, bigger award winner told me he was envious of me, because of the impact I had on my students."

The 2007 Distinguished Alumni Awards – the Distinguished Alumni, Recent Graduate Achievement and Community Service – are presented annually to those alumni who have contributed significantly to their field and/or the community. Each winner is selected by a panel of three to five artists and designers, who review each nominee's supplied portfolio, letters, newspaper articles and other documented career accolades.

Rice has a long list of accomplishments and awards to his credit. Since receiving his diploma from the nationally-recognized art school, the 1992 graduate has contributed his time and expertise to various area K-12 school programs; has been a dedicated participant and juror for many art competitions; is a member of several state and national art groups; has donated his artwork and creativity to a number of auctions and fund-raisers, designed the Kirtland Warbler Festival's pin, and the sign work for the Kirtland Nature Trail and Marguerite Gahagen Nature

Preserve, and is the editorial advisor for the "On Drawing" text book.

However, Rice's dedication doesn't end with just padding his own portfolio. He is also accredited for his dedication to his student's success.

Since 2002, Rice has not only been instrumental in building the KCC art department from about 200 students per year to more than 500, he also contributed to the creation of the associate's degree in graphic design and helped more than 30 students from KCC transfer to Kendall, the Chicago Art Institute, Northwestern Michigan College and the College of Creative Studies, and win more than \$400,000 in scholarships.

Not a small feat for the "stereotypical jock looking" art guy who didn't originally intend on being a teacher.

"In the sixth grade, I knew I was going to be an artist," Rice said. "By the eighth grade, I knew Kendall College was the college I wanted to attend."

"But teaching? No, I wanted to be a comic book illustrator," he added.

But those plans all changed when his life took a tragic turn. In January 2003, a house fire took everything, including all his artwork, sketchbooks and supplies that he had from his four years at Kendall.

Fortunately, his wife's parents, Drs. William and Marjory Bulger, were faculty members at Central Michigan University and introduced him to the chair of the art department. He was invited to attend classes that fall as a guest student in the graduate program.

After working 60-70 hours a week to earn enough money to pay for tuition, the former Sheridan resident enrolled in 12 credits of life drawing and advanced drawing courses in hopes of building a new portfolio.

His first taste of teaching arose when, after watching his instructor demonstrate a drawing for figurative study, he raised his hand and mentioned a process he was taught at Kendall.

"After class, the instructor asked me to see him in his office," Rice said. "He said he was amazed with my ability to draw, as well as teach, and offered me the role to supervise the life drawing class, the models and a degree-transfer."

After much deliberation and reflection on his family connection to teaching – his mother, both his in-laws and an aunt were all teachers – he knew he'd found his calling.

"Seeing how much joy (my family) had on teaching students and the positive aspect they have on someone's life, I decided to do it," he said.

In 1996, after graduating with his master's degree in drawing and painting from CMU, he began doing just that. He was offered an adjunct faculty position at Kirtland, teaching the advanced eighth-grade drawing, then college drawing classes and was hired full-time six short years later.

Through it all, Rice's dedication to Kendall has never diminished.

"I was always telling my students at Kirtland about Kendall and all my hi-jinks," he said. "For that reason, a lot of them became interested in Kendall and wanted to attend there once they received their associate's degree here."

It all came full circle on March 15, when Rice was presented with his award by two former Kirtland art students with a Kendall connection – Justin LaDoux, a Kendall graduate, current adjunct faculty member and parapro at KCC, and Mary Rach, a current graphic arts student at Kendall.

"I never really knew how much

of an impact I had on someone's life as a mentor and a friend, Rice said. "It was touching."

Also in attendance were Kirtland graduates, Lacey Sposato, who graduates from Kendall in May, and Stephanie Kann, as well as three KCC students – Jesse Handrich, Jamie Carroll and Mike Emig – slated to attend Kendall this fall.

"As an instructor, I want to see my students succeed in their art, whether by gaining expertise in the visual communication field or fulfilling their goal to receive their (bachelor's in fine arts)," Rice added.

The selection committee apparently agreed, choosing Rice as this year's recipient because he "clearly demonstrates an innate passion for the arts in his own work, as well as in his ability to inspire his students and others to achieve their dreams."

Currently, about 2,300 students attend a variety of certificate and two-year degree programs at Kirtland's two campuses – the main campus near Roscommon, as well as the Michigan Technical Education Center (M-TEC) in Gaylord – with the college's service area including all or parts of Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw, Roscommon, Otsego, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Gladwin and Alcona counties, and the surrounding areas.

Lisa Cochran is the intern editor for The Paper, Kirtland Community College's student newspaper.



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be available for homeowners over age 62.

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## Global warming could hit Michigan farmers, tourism, experts say

by Hannah Northey  
Capitol News Service

Michigan could see a warmer and drier climate in coming decades, creating challenges for policymakers, scientists, farmers and the tourism industry.

Warmer, more erratic winter temperatures could turn the state's ski slopes into slush slopes and possibly devastate fruit crops, according to climate models calculated by researchers at Michigan State University.

Oakland County and the rest of the Detroit area could have a climate more like Kentucky's, according to Jeffrey Andresen, an MSU climatologist.

"The projections for the region are for a 2- to 2.5-degree warming for the average annual temperature by the last decade of the century," Andresen said.

This winter has been the warmest in recorded history, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Last winter was the second warmest.

The state has already experienced rising heat and precipitation because of global warming.

"Mean temperatures in Michigan have increased, especially in the past 20 to 30 years," Andresen said.

"Overall, we're significantly wetter than we were — on the order of 10 percent more precipitation per year."

With higher nighttime temperatures and more precipitation, the cloud cover has increased since the end of the 1930s, Andresen said.

Ice cover on the Great Lakes has also diminished, exacerbating strong lake-effect storms along Michigan's western coast. Researchers believe sleet and

snow on the western side of the state are now more erratic because the lakes are uncovered and warmer for a longer period of time.

"Our snowfall totals, at least in terms of variability, are increasing in some areas," he said.

"That's a bit of an alarming trend because we have a large winter sports and tourism industry here."

The onset of warm spring days has come seven to 10 days earlier than in past decades.

While longer growing seasons could benefit corn and wheat, fruit crops are more vulnerable.

Julie Winkler, a professor of geography at MSU, said once the fruit crops such as cherries, blueberries, grapes and strawberries, begin to develop, they are more susceptible to cold. Early frosts or unexpected cold bouts can kill the buds.

The climate scenarios are based on an analysis of current weather patterns, but projections are difficult because the amount of carbon dioxide emitted in the future could change. Carbon dioxide, produced in combustion, is responsible for 60 to 65 percent of global warming, Andresen said.

It has been scientifically established that warming is occurring, and people should know about the best models science has to offer for stemming the tides of change, he said.

"The people in the camps of skeptics are only a few," he said. "This is the best science we have, and it's very likely not wrong."

David Skole, a professor of global change science at MSU, said climate change is already

here and lawmakers need to respond.

"Policy changes are indeed ahead for all of us," he said.

For example, Skole said, policymakers should adopt ways to reduce carbon emissions by promoting mass transportation and alternative fuels, including biodiesel, ethanol and hydrogen cells.

Carbon dioxide should be considered a commodity for farmers and businesses to trade, Andresen said. Farmers, for example, could grow crops such as corn and trees that take in carbon and sell those credits on a market.

Nationally, carbon trading is a \$22-billion-a-year industry that could be expanded, he said.

Skole said "the idea of linking conservation and climate mitigation and business opportunities is something that ought to be stressed and encouraged."

He pointed to the Chicago Climate Exchange, the first voluntary pilot program for trading of greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide.

Rep. Chris Ward, R-Brighton, said he supports incentive-based initiatives rather than mandates.

"The market for renewable fuels and products is still developing, so I support voluntary initiatives," Ward said.

For example, he said, the state should continue attracting new businesses to develop biodiesels and hydrogen fuel cells, and those companies should receive tax credits.

Andresen said it's important to educate people about climate change. "We've got to keep informing people because they're going to be asked to make informed decisions."

## No clear sailing for public marinas at road ends

by Erik Adams  
Capitol News Service

There are 946,592 registered watercraft in Michigan. That's 36,639 more than 10 years ago.

With an increase in boats comes an increased demand for ways of getting them in the water, and many boaters across the state get access to lakes and streams from road ends, sections of road where the right of way leads to the shore.

Court rulings say that road ends may be used only for putting boats in the water and pulling them out, but a recent proposal in the House could change that. If passed, the bill would allow local governments to apply for permits from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to build seasonal, public-use marinas at road ends.

Rep. Matt Gillard, D-Alpena, is the chief sponsor. Other sponsors include Joel Sheltrown, D-West Branch, Barbara Farrah, D-Southgate, and Glenn Steil Jr., R-Grand Rapids.

But David Bertram, legislative liaison for the Michigan Townships Association, said the language of the bill is too precise.

"It goes through how the docks should be set up," he said. "It's

very prescriptive as to how local units of government should do it.

"Why can't they just leave it up to the local government to decide how they want to do it?"

Bertram said building such marinas could also involve municipal governments in legal battles over lake access between property owners with lakefront or riparian rights and those who live near the lakes but don't own frontage — so called "backlot-owners."

"Especially when it's local taxes as resources, you have to be careful how you get into those cases," he said.

Higgins Lake in Roscommon County has been the focus of much of the debate between waterfront owners and backlot-owners.

Marvin Bolton of the Higgins Lakefront Property Owners' Association said backlot-owners have traditionally installed hoists at road ends around the lake on a first come, first served basis.

"So I don't see it so much as a conflict between riparians and backlot-owners as between the general public — those who want to use these road ends — and those people that tend to take them over for their own private use," he said.

he said.

Bolton suggested people without lakefront access rights should use private facilities for their boats.

"It may not be free, but most people shouldn't expect to have a free resource given to them just because they happen to get there first with their boat hoist," he said.

Bertram said the Higgins Lake road end fallout isn't just legal — it's political too, as the governments in Gerish and Lyon townships have seen.

"We've had township officials recalled up there because they didn't get involved enough or because they were involved too much in the lake and access points," he said.

A marina requires two permits from DEQ, one for construction, the other for operation. Joe Haas of DEQ said the marina bill could lead to "an enforcement nightmare" for the state.

"We don't have any full-time staff in our marina program," he said. "The people who are administering and reviewing marina permits are doing it as only part of their job. It's going to be very difficult if this gets pushed through."

## Coyote and fox hunters may get new perch

by Nick Pelton  
Capitol News Service

Coyote and fox hunters may soon be able to shoot from on high.

A bill passed by the House would allow small game hunters to use the scaffolds and tree stands that are legal for deer hunters.

"There is a safety issue here," said co-sponsor Rep. Darwin Booher, R-Evart.

Shooting from a raised platform allows hunters to see more, Booher said. And bullets will end up in the ground if the hunter misses.

"Being a hunter myself, we used the stands for deer hunting," he said. "It gives you a sporting chance."

The population of coyotes has been increasing in the last five years, especially in southern

Michigan, said Tony Hansen, a press officer for the Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

And the popularity of coyote hunting is increasing with it, he said.

Booher said, "I've never seen so many coyotes on my farm."

Allowing hunters to use platforms could help keep that population in check, he added.

Hunting for predators from tree stands hasn't been declared legal yet, he said. That's why a bill is needed.

To shoot coyotes and foxes, a hunter needs either a small game license or a fur harvester license.

The Department of Natural Resources opposes the bill, said assistant legislative liaison Daniel Eichinger, even though it supports the concept.

In 1996, a ballot proposition

gave the Natural Resources Commission power to make such policy decisions, Eichinger said, "so that decision should be made by the NRC."

"We're very careful to safeguard that process," he said.

In June, the NRC will hold a public hearing to discuss whether to allow hunting predators from tree stands.

Hansen said, hunting from a platform offers several advantages. Being above the animal helps hide the hunter's scent, and it makes it easier for the hunter to see and aim.

It does cause some difficulty though, Hansen added.

Hunters who use calls to attract their prey might have a hard time on the platforms, he said. "The coyotes might get suspicious about why a rabbit is 15 feet in the air."

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## Softball team to open season with two doubleheaders this week

■ Program will have a junior varsity squad this year after two seasons without one

by Caleb Casey

Senior Staff Writer

The GHS varsity girls softball squad — a team that will feature two seniors, five

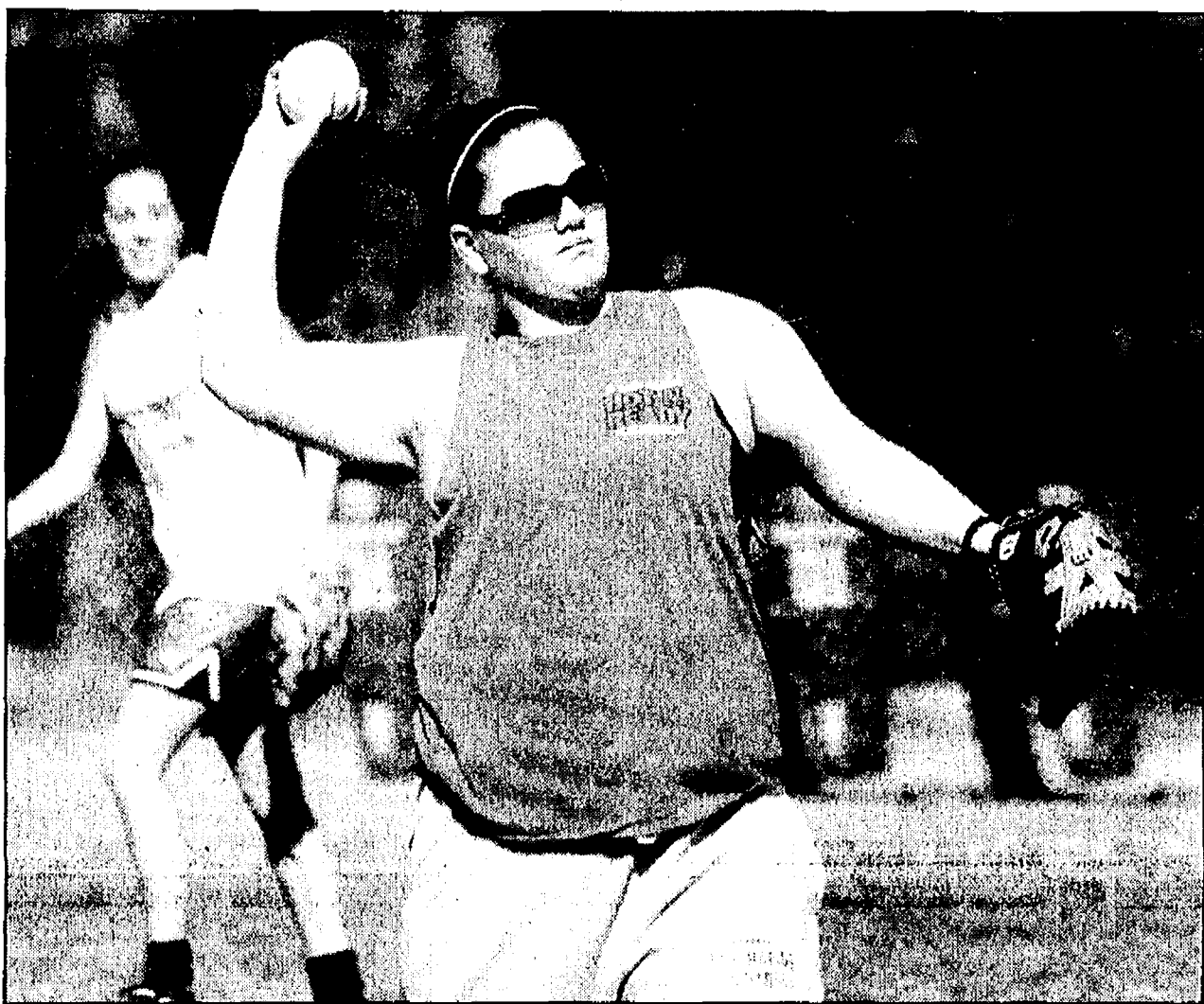
juniors, two sophomores, and two freshmen this year — will get its 2007 season under way with two doubleheaders at Grayling High School this week.

The Vikings began official practices on Monday, March 12. The team practiced inside the GHS gymnasium for the

majority of its pre-season, but the Vikings were able to get outside and practice on their softball field just before spring break. They also played in a scrimmage event at Vestaburg on Wednesday, March 28.

This year's varsity softball

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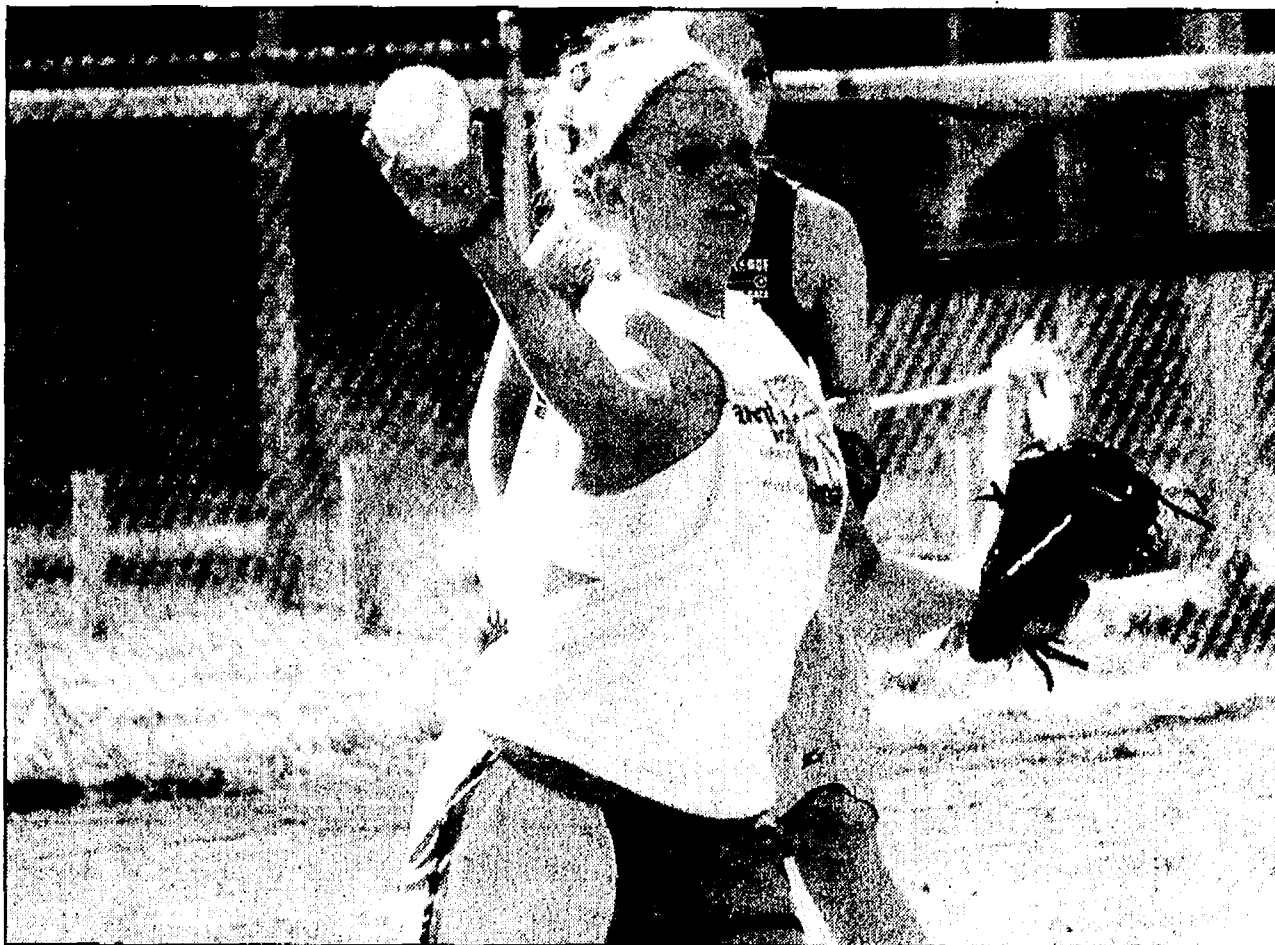
Shortstop Ashley Bindschatel throws the ball to first base during a drill at varsity girls softball practice on Monday, March 26.



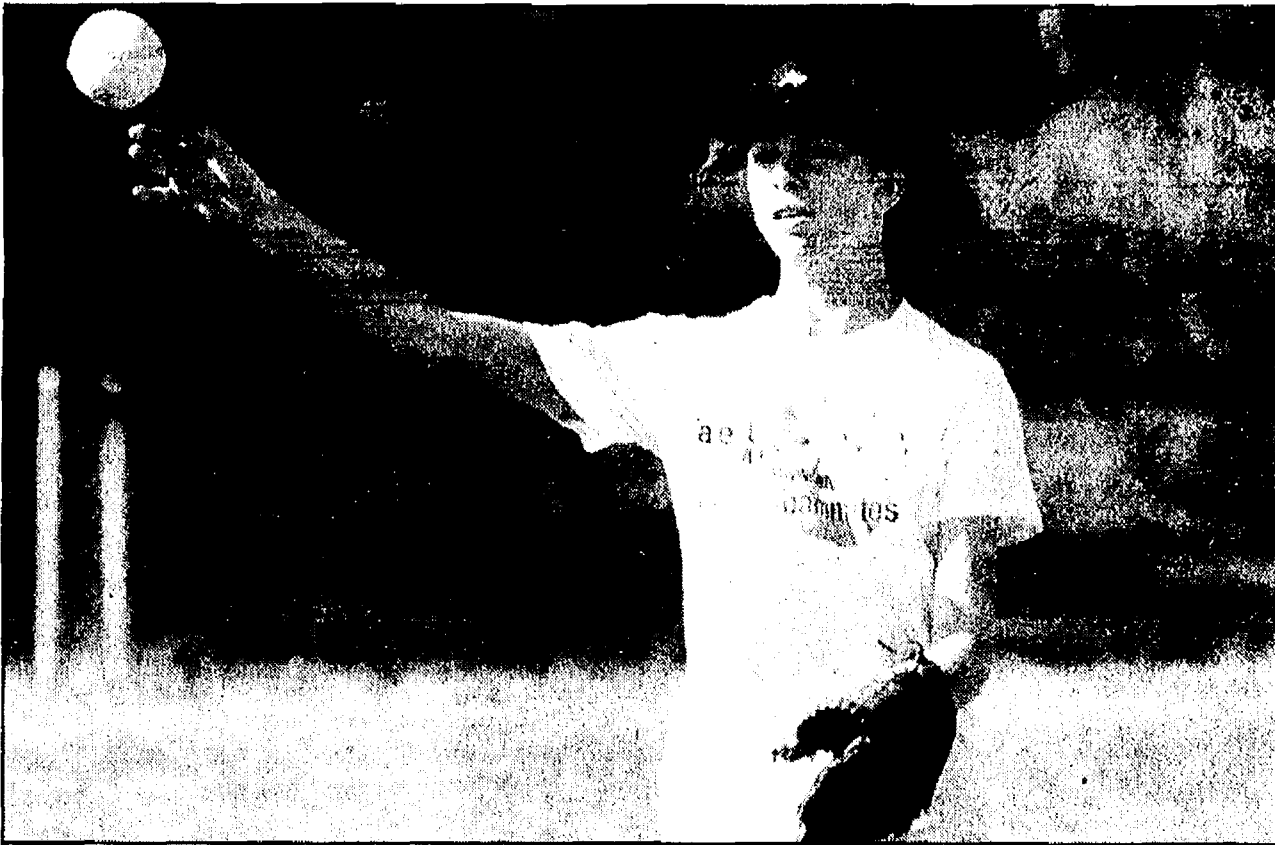
Pitcher Joni Bindschatel throws to second base.



Shentele Apps throws the ball from left field.



First baseman Monica Peters throws the ball to first after fielding a bunt during a recent varsity girls softball practice.



Second baseman Samantha Schreiber throws the ball to first base during an infield drill.



Center fielder Gabby Calkins throws the ball into the infield.



Outfielder Candice Odden fields a ground ball during practice.



Catcher Cayla Johnson fields a bunt and looks to throw to first base.



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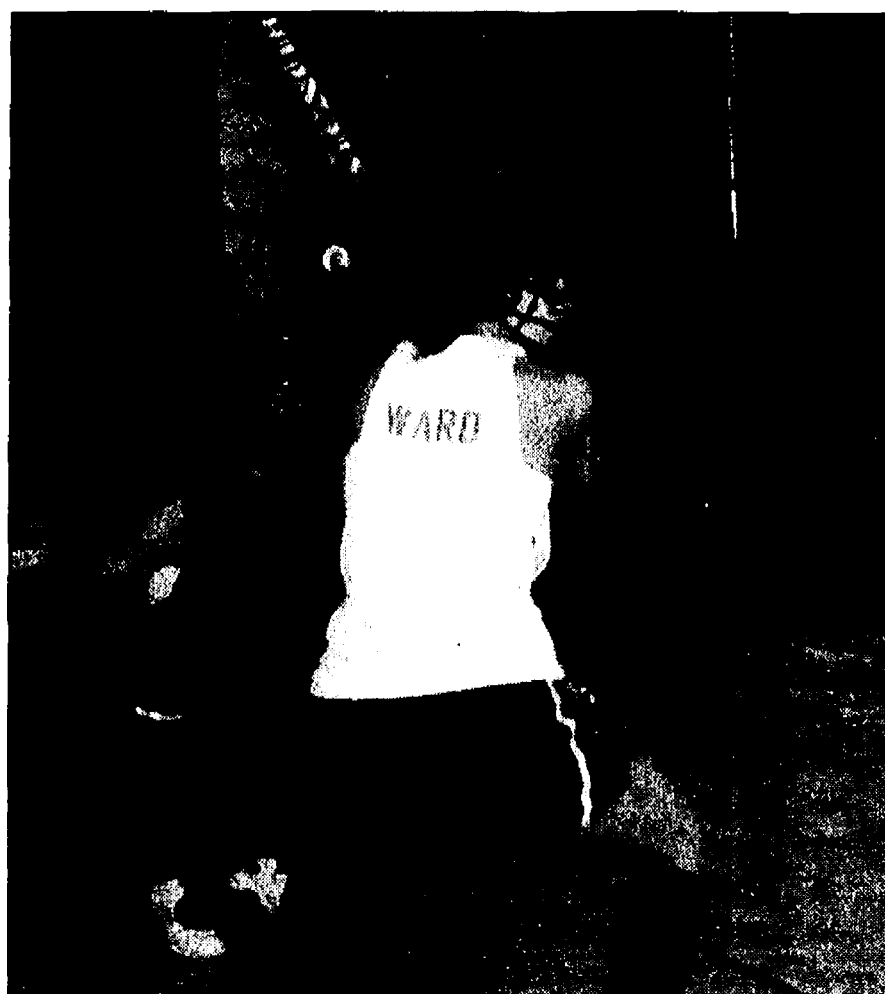
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Rachel Ward (left) and Megan Etzler (right) bat for the GHS varsity softball team during one of the squad's recent indoor practices.

## Softball team to open season with two doubleheaders this week

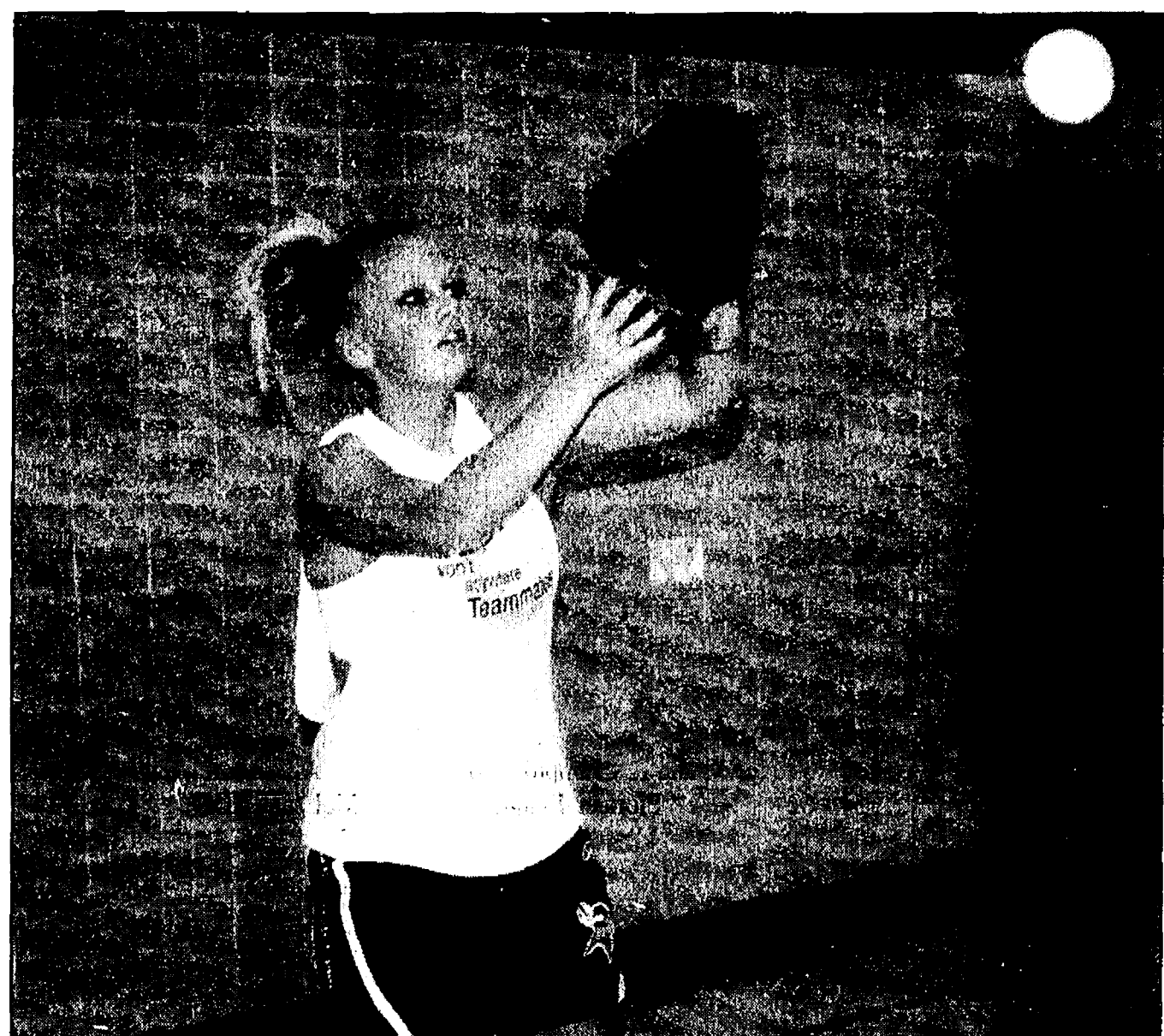
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squad will consist of: Ashley Bindschatel (infield), senior; Candice Odden (outfield), senior; Monica Peters (1B), junior; Megan Etzler (utility), junior; Shentele Apps (utility), junior; Gabby Calkins (outfield), junior; Rachel Ward (outfield), junior; Alyssa Lewis (infield), sophomore; Samantha Schreiber (utility), sophomore; Joni Bindschatel (pitcher), freshman; Cayla Johnson (catcher, infield), freshman.

"Only 11 girls, which is a small team," Coach Keri Brock said. "So far, it's what I'd consider my most complete team, but we are young. If we can cut down on mental mistakes that will pretty much determine how it will go."

Brock, in her third year as head coach of the Vikings, said the team's goals this season include "being competitive in league play, trying to break the 12-win mark - the most we've gotten so far, and winning districts for sure."

The Vikings are scheduled to play back-to-back doubleheaders at GHS this week to open their 2007 season. The varsity squad hosts West Branch Ogemaw Heights at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11. On Thursday, April 12, Grayling will host the



Monica Peters catches a throw at first base.

Roscommon Bucks at 4 p.m.

After two consecutive seasons without a junior varsity squad due to low overall player numbers, this year's GHS softball program will go back to having a

JV team. The junior varsity squad has 13 players.

"Instead of having to cut girls they will be able to build up their skills on JV. Hopefully when we get them as juniors they'll have

the fundamentals," Coach Brock said.

The JV team plays two series on the road this week, and will host Elk Rapids on Tuesday, April 17, at 4:30 p.m.

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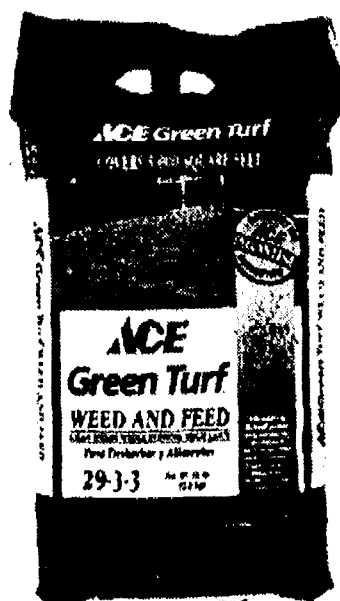
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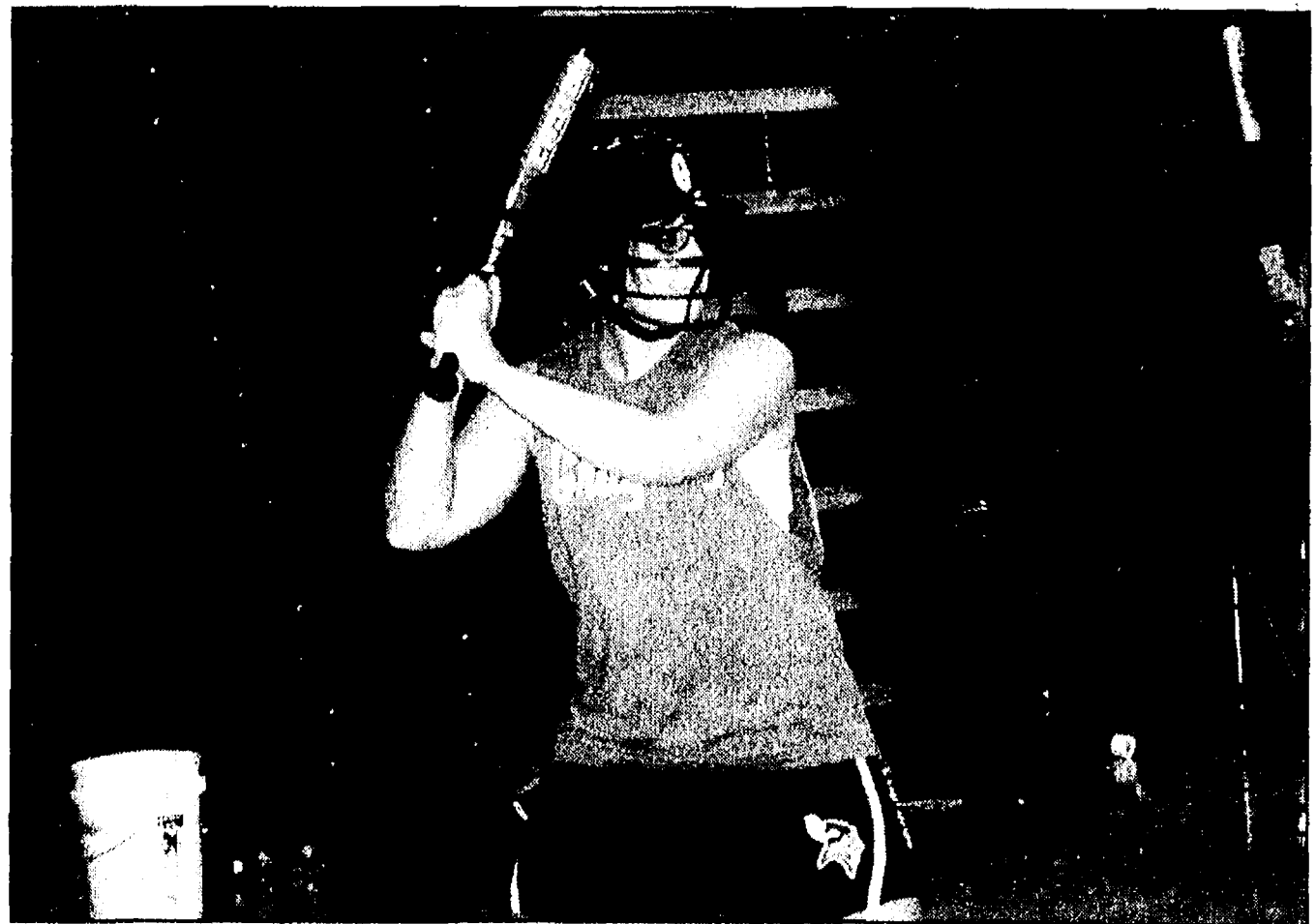


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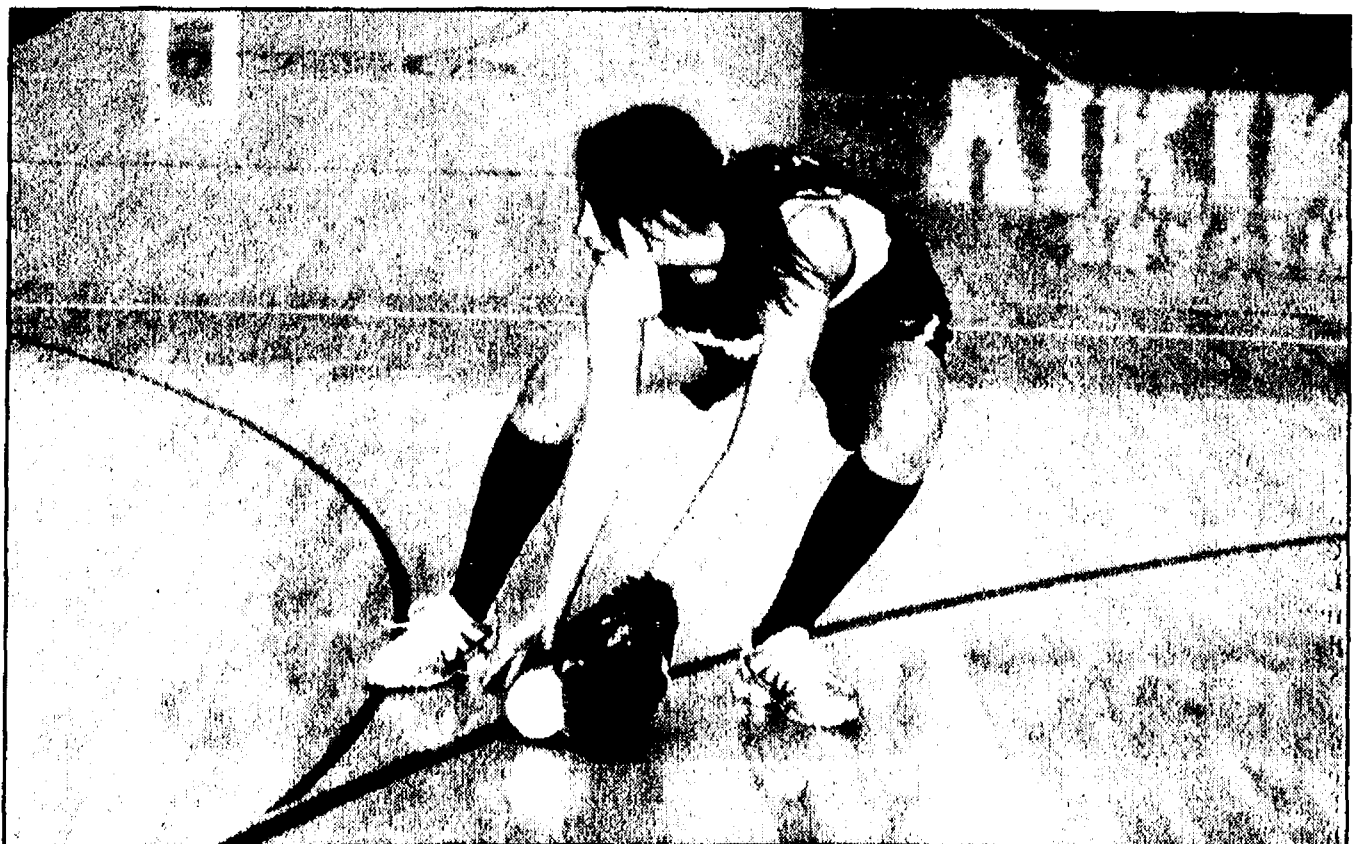
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Alyssa Lewis bats for the Vikings during practice in the GHS gym.



Pitcher Joni Bindschatel fields a bunt at practice.

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# Grayling Little League is still accepting registrations

Grayling Little League is still accepting registrations for the upcoming baseball, softball, and T-ball seasons, but the deadline for signing up - Friday, April 20 - is approaching.

Registration is open to players ages seven and up for baseball

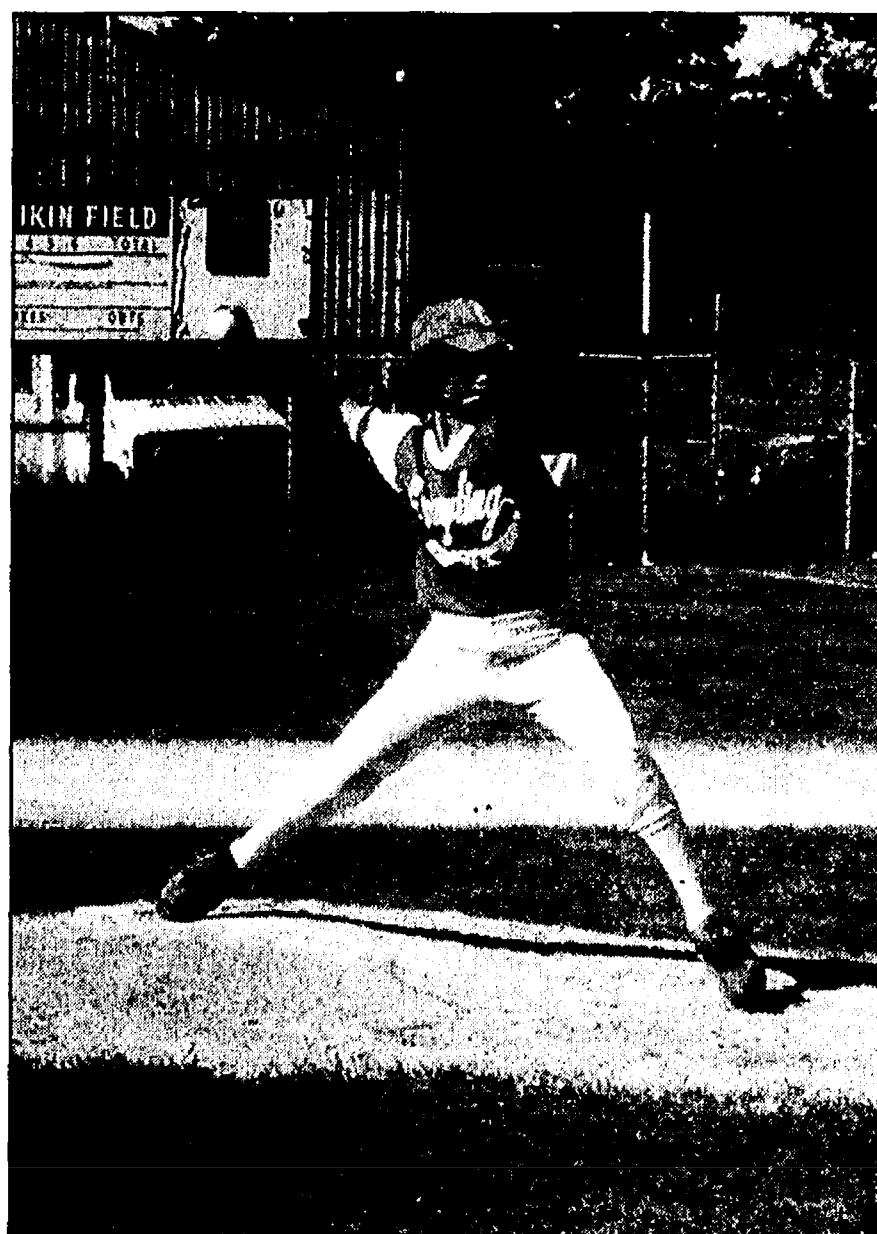
and softball. The player registration fee of \$35 (family max of \$90) is due at the time of registration as well as a \$20 per player (family max of \$40) fund-raising fee. For the fund-raising fee, each player will receive two home run cards that can be sold

for \$10 each to offset this fee. The home run cards are used for discounts on purchases and services at local businesses.

Players can register for Grayling Little League at Sylvester's until Friday, April 20. After that date, a late fee of

\$5 per player will apply. For further information contact Player Agent Dusty Latusek at 348-6488.

The Little League Draft is scheduled for April 26 with practices starting on May 1 and games beginning on May 14.



Grayling Little League

## BOWLING LEAGUE

### Senior Bowling

Grayling Pharmacy . . . 87 - 29  
Flowers By Josie . . . 66 - 50  
Gaylord Electric . . . 62.5 - 53.5  
Kickin Grass . . . 57 - 59  
Bear's Den Pizza . . . 54 - 62  
Sylvester's . . . 50 - 66  
Spike's . . . 48.5 - 67.5  
Lone Pine . . . 39 - 77  
High Series Women: N. Glasslee, 511; C. Clark and D. Doremire, 498. High Game Women: R. Joyce, 218; D. Doremire, 199; and C. Clark, 192. High Series

Men: L. Crampton, 525; B. Hollis, 523; and P. Faustman, 519. High Game Men: P. Faustman, 227; D. Williamson, 214; and L. Crampton, 202.

### Pioneer League

McDonald's . . . 33 - 11  
Grayling Rest . . . 29 - 15  
Cal Dutton Const. . . 25 - 19  
T. C. Lawncare . . . 23 - 21  
"5" B's . . . 22 - 22  
G.B.D. Const. . . 17 - 27  
Tim's Collision . . . 17 - 27  
Spicy Bob's . . . 10 - 34

High Series: J. Coors, 528; B. LaMotte, 507; and M. Cole, 498. High Game: C. Clark, 189; M. Cole, 187; J. Coors, 185.

### American Men's League

McLeans ACE . . . 32 - 17  
Grayling Chiropractic . . . 30 - 19  
Scheer Motors . . . 29 - 20  
GADCO . . . 29 - 20  
Westside Diner . . . 26 - 23  
Moore's Auto . . . 20 - 29  
Fenton's Auto Serv. . . 19 - 30  
Derwich Ind . . . 11 - 38  
High Series: Lance Davis, 645; J.

Arwood, 626; and C. Smith 602. High Game: J. Arwood, 233; Lance Davis, 227; D. Germain, 226.

### Northwood League

Bud Lite Babes . . . 35.5 - 20.5  
Preston Heating . . . 35 - 21  
Choppers Spare . . . 34 - 22  
Riverland Rowdies . . . 29 - 27  
Pro Paint Princesses . . . 24.5 - 31.5  
High Series: N. Glasslee, 537; L. Bendig, 490; C. Moore, 486. High Game: P. Collen, 235; N. Glasslee, 205; C. Moore, 203.

## LEGAL ACTION

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Catherine Belski, AKA Catherine A. Belski, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor(s), to State Farm Bank, F.S.B., Mortgagee, dated May 16, 2003, and recorded on May 28, 2003 in Liber 636 on Page 232, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Six And 28/100 Dollars (\$57,556.28), including interest at 4.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on May 9, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: That part of lot 62, River Forest Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 01 of plats, Page 72, Crawford County Records, Lying North of the meander line described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 62, thence North Easterly along the right-of-way of High Road 137.83 feet; thence South 22 degrees 45 minutes East, 536.9 feet; thence South 50 degrees 19 minutes West, 100 feet; thence North 24 degrees 09 minutes West, 480.4 feet to point of beginning. Being part of Lot 62, River Forest Subdivision. And that part of Lot 61, River Forest Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 01 of plats, page 72,

Crawford County Records, lying North of the meander line described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 61, thence Northeasterly along the right-of-way of High Road 134.35; thence South 19 degrees 50 minutes East, 527.0 feet; thence South 50 degrees 19 minutes West, 100 feet; thence North 22 degrees 45 minutes West 536.9 feet to point of beginning. Being part of Lot 61, River Forest Subdivision

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 5, 2007  
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Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for Intervale Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 10, 2006 and recorded August 15, 2006 in Liber 682 Page 799 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 1, 2006 MASTR Asset Backed Securities, Trust 2006-HIE4 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-HIE4, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars and Forty-Eight Cents (\$56,685.48) including interest 10.34% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM on Wednesday, May 2, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 4, Block 24, Roffee's Addition to the City of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

Commonly known as 706 Park St, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: MARCH 22, 2007 U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 1, 2006 MASTR Asset Backed Securities, Trust 2006-HIE4 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-HIE4,

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dorothy Fryer, a single person, original mortgagor(s), to Bank One N.A., Mortgagee, dated July 7, 2003, and recorded on August 29, 2003 in Liber 649 on Page 548, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-One And 41/100 Dollars (\$11,561.41), including interest at 6.1% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on May 9, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The South half (S 1/2) of Lot 35 of McNamara's Valley No. 2, as per the recorded plat thereof.

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Dated: April 5, 2007  
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case

made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 25, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 35, Town 25 North, Range 2 West; thence South 20 Rods; thence West 8 Rods; thence North 20 rods; thence East 8 Rods to the Point of Beginning

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Grayling has applied to the USDA Rural Development Office for a grant of \$30,000 and a loan of \$38,000 to purchase equipment for the Police and Fire Departments.

The Grayling City Council will hold a public hearing to receive public comment on the application on April 30, 2007 at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers at Grayling City Hall, located at 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling, Michigan.

All interested parties may attend said Public Hearing and/or submit written comments by April 25, 2007 to the City Clerk, 1020 City Boulevard, P.O. Box 549, Grayling, MI 49738.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grayling City Office at 989-348-2131 seven days prior to the meeting.

Michele Moshier,  
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some

part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on May 9, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Block 13, of Portage Heights, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records.

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Dated: April 5, 2007  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Murray Babbitt and Polly Babbitt, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Household Finance Corporation III, Mortgagee, dated April 16, 2004, and recorded on April 20, 2004 in Liber 667 on Page 677, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Three Hundred Sixty And 93/100 Dollars (\$74,360.93), including interest at 6.984% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given

that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 25, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot No. 7, Block 5, Brown and Johnson's Addition to the Village of Frederic, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

Lots No. 8 and 9 of Block 5, Brown and Johnson Addition to the Village of Frederic, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 21, Crawford County Records.

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Dated: March 22, 2007  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert M. Dent, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 18, 2004, and recorded on July 8, 2004 in Liber 669 on Page 852, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Eight And 00/100 Dollars (\$61,438.00), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some

part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 25, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 26, Grayling Manor, According to the REcorded Plat Thereof, as REcorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kevin P. Behrens, and Karen L. Behrens, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 18, 2004, and recorded on July 8, 2004 in Liber 669 on Page 852, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Eight And 00/100 Dollars (\$61,438.00), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 25, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County,

Michigan, and are described as: Lot 47, Holiday Heights Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 75, Crawford County Records, State of Michigan

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 22, 2007  
For more information, please call:  
FC D 248.593.1309  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #134166F01

-22-29-5-12

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Cynthia S Johnston and James H Johnston, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated May 8, 2004, and recorded on July 14, 2004 in Liber 669 on Page 956, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand One Hundred Sixty And 18/100 Dollars (\$81,160.18), including interest at 6.91% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on May 16, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: All that part of the South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 22 Town 26 North Range 2 West lying East of the County Road.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.  
Dated: April 12, 2007  
For more information, please call:  
FC S 248.593.1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #116495F02

-12-19-26-3

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 07-7263-DE  
Estate of Jane B. Fornell, deceased  
Date of birth: 1/25/1917.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Jane B. Fornell, who lived at 3436 Fornell Rd., Grayling, Michigan died 4/3/07.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Margaret W. Chappell, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. MICHIGAN AVE, GRAYLING, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 4-9-07  
Margaret W. Chappell  
PO Box 415  
Grayling, MI 49738  
989-348-5951

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 07-7241-DE  
Estate of Harriet Williams, deceased  
Date of birth: 09-19-1914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Harriet Williams, who lived at Mercy Manor, Grayling, Michigan died 10-10-2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to John Cherven or Sydney Dyer, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 3-28-07

William L. Carey (P31602), Attorney  
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop,  
P.O. Drawer 665  
Grayling, MI 49738 (989) 348-5232

John Cherven, Personal Representative  
P.O. Box 825  
Grayling, MI 49738 (989) 348-2554

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Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: [www.crawfordco.org](http://www.crawfordco.org) eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds  
October 11, 2002

## BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

### PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING NEW REFUSE OPERATIONS

The Beaver Creek Township Board will be closing the existing transfer site on Merrio Road and will be holding the second public meeting to answer questions to help you decide whether you would prefer to build a new transfer site or have door to door pickup.

Township property owners with improved properties should have already received a letter in the mail explaining both options, and a ballot for your vote. Voting deadline is April 30, 2007.

This second meeting will be held on Saturday morning, April 14, 2007, at 9:00 AM at the Beaver Creek Township Community Center, 8888 S. Grayling Road, Grayling, MI.

Sharon K. Hartman,  
Clerk

## COMBINED NOTICE

### NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

City of Grayling  
1020 City Blvd. / P.O. Box 549 Grayling, MI 49738

Date Published: April 12, 2007  
(989) 348-2131

On or about April 30, 2007 the City of Grayling will request the State of Michigan to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for the following project:

Michigan Avenue and Burton Court Infrastructure Project  
Water, Sewer, Drainage, Road and Sidewalk Improvements  
City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan  
Estimated Cost of Project: \$1,250,000

### Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the City of Grayling has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190).

The reasons for such decision not to prepare an EIS are as follows:

1. The project will not have adverse environmental effects and will benefit the community.
2. Any short-term adverse effects during construction will be mitigated.

An Environmental Review record respecting the proposed project has been made by the City of Grayling which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why an EIS is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request at the City Clerk's office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request of federal funds.

### Public Comments on Finding

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Grayling to the office of the City Manager on or before April 27, 2007. All such comments so received will be considered and the City of Grayling will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the proposed project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

### Release of Funds

The City of Grayling will undertake the project described above with Community Development Block Grant funds from the State of Michigan under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Grayling is certifying to the State of Michigan that the City of Grayling and David A. Thayer in his official capacity as City Manager consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval the City of Grayling may use the Block Grant funds and the state will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

### Objections to State Release of Funds

The State of Michigan will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of applicant approved by the State of Michigan; or (b) that applicant's environmental review record for the project indicated omission of a required decision finding or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted to the State of Michigan, MEDC, 300 North Washington Square, Lansing, Michigan 48913.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the state. No objection received after May 15, 2007 will be considered by the state.

David A. Thayer  
City Manager  
1020 City Blvd. / P.O. Box 549  
Grayling, MI 49738

## SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING ZONING ORDINANCE

The South Branch Township Planning commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed South Branch Township Zoning Ordinance at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, 2007 in the South Branch Fire Hall at 5225 N. M-18, Roscommon.

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and comment on the proposed Zoning Ordinance Update. The proposed Zoning Ordinance Update is available on-line at the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) website ([www.nemcog.org](http://www.nemcog.org)). Additionally, hard copies can be viewed at the South Branch Township offices (hours: M-F, 9-1) for additional information, contact Herman Brattfish, Chair of the South Branch Township Planning Commission at (989) 275-8232. Written comments may be submitted in advance of the public hearing to: PC Chair Herman Brattfish, South Branch Township, PO Box 606, Roscommon, MI 48653.

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, May 3rd 2007, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, PO Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing season requirements of the following materials and/or items:

### Aggregates - F.O.B. Suppliers Pit

#### Corrugated Plastic Pipe

#### Corrugated Metal Pipe

#### Hot Mix & Cold Patch Asphalt

All material must meet current Michigan Department of Transportation specifications. Additional information may be obtained at the office of the undersigned.

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as to the contents.

The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

### Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Ken Riehle, Chairman  
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman  
Jim Burch, Commissioner



# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago  
April 12, 1984

Three live military devices were found among scrap military ordinance carried off a range by a Grayling man and a Jackson couple. A person tipped off Camp Grayling personnel that someone was stealing scrap from the ranges and a military helicopter helped spot a truck in the aircraft and artillery range north of County Rd. 612.

A new, heavily insulated roof placed on the Grayling High School last fall has saved the building about 41 percent in fuel costs during the peak heating months of October through February. "It's unbelievable" said Kent Reynolds, Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent. "We got a call from Michigan Con. because they thought it was a mistake in their meter readings." The insulated roof saved the district about \$28,320 this heating year.

Robert Montgomery, 14, received an award for his brave and quick action in leading his brother and sisters ages 12, 10, 2 and 5 months to safety while their home was on fire on Feb. 6. Robert was presented his award by Sheriff Joe White and Robert said that the information he remembered from junior deputy classes taught at the elementary school helped him to know what to do.

The Grayling City Police and Crawford County Sheriff Department have joined together to create a swift and thorough plan for finding missing children. Immediately after a missing child is reported, a tracking dog is called in and a DNR airplane, military helicopter, five mounted sheriff officers, 24 sheriff and city reserve officers, the AuSable Emergency Radio Team, and an ambulance crew can be called if needed.

Grayling High School students were inducted into the AuSable chapter of the National Honor Society on March 19. The senior students were Mike Hickey, Mary Jo Holzman, Rob Medley, Marjorie Hatfield, Shelly Leal, Kathy Worden, Dave Reynolds, Rita McKinney, Felicia Galvani, Paul Gust, Ken Lademan, Wes Bulley, Wayne Ross, and Greg Helsel. The sophomores and juniors were Deanne Wood, Jamie Keusch, Michelle Barber, Beth Bedard, Kevin Reynolds, Tina McDermid, Tammi Harrington, Jodie Christman, Riley McNamara, Lisa Latuzek, Cris McLaughlin, Maria Perez, Mitzi Montoya, Anne Marie Montoya, Alan Weiss, Amy Wakeley, Cheryl Alma, Dennis Mansfield, and Lori Pfaff.

46 Years Ago  
April 13, 1961

Grayling city councilman Burton McWilliams was elected

as the mayor of Grayling at an organizational meeting. He succeeds Don K. Gothro who had served several terms as mayor.

The honor graduates of the 1961 Grayling High School graduating class were revealed this week by Superintendent of Schools Joseph Stripe. Named as co-valedictorian were Mary Ann Engel and Gail Lucksted. Both girls maintained an identical mark of 3.892 during their high school careers. Catherine Stripe was named salutatorian, who had an average mark of 3.566. The rest of the top ten students in order were: Linda Smock, Stephen Sink, Jacqueline Norenberg, Elizabeth Raymond, Arlene Smith, Barbara Searles, and Michael Haskett.

Glen's Market in the Upstate Shopping Center on US-27 south of the AuSable River bridge in Grayling re-opened last Friday, nearly doubling their shopping space.

The remodeling and expansion of Olson's Shoe Store was started this week. The building west of Olson's which was occupied by them until 1939 will be incorporated into the present structure. A new window setup and canopy across the front will complete the change which is expected to be finished in about one month.

69 Years Ago  
April 14, 1938

Leo E. Lovely says he has established his dairy business to be known as the City Dairy, in the Ahman Building, and has already started delivery.

One of the most interesting assembly programs of the year was presented to students of the local high school last week when Ernest Nickel entertained the student body. Mr. Nickel is what is known as a concert whistler. He has appeared in the Hollywood Bowl, as well as audiences all over the United States and Europe.

John Henry Peterson, son of the Holger Petersons, a senior at Grayling High School, is the lucky boy selected to attend Wolverine Boys State in Lansing on June 16-25.

The city fire department made a run Tuesday night to the home of Capt. John Austin, when a chimney was discovered burning. On Thursday afternoon they were called to the home of Chris Johnson, this was also a chimney fire. There was very little damage reported at either place.

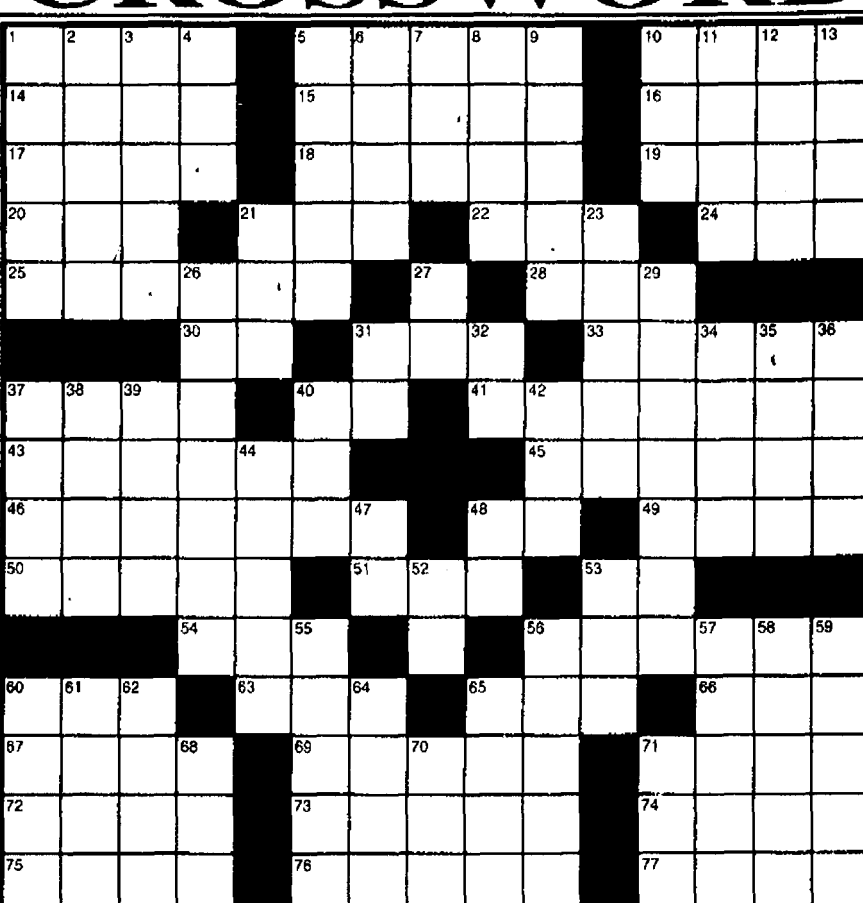
92 Years Ago  
April 15, 1915

William Fischer, Jr., will open a vulcanizing plant in the new building now nearly completed and located east of the Grayling Machinery Repair company garage. Mr. Fischer will install new machinery for doing his work and says he will be prepared to give good work and service.

Miss Maud Tetu left yesterday for Manistec on professional business. She expects to be gone about three or four weeks.

John L. Cook and family from Detroit moved here last week and have taken up residence near the South Side School.

## CROSSWORD



- Across
- Mixed dog breed.
  - Someone who has won first place in a competition.
  - Walter ... producer.
  - Again but in a new.
  - Habitation at a high altitude.
  - Toward the lee.
  - Large luxurious car, usually driven by a chauffeur.
  - Sore on the stomach lining.
  - Family ...
  - Greatest possible intensity.
  - Late time of life.
  - Quantity of no importance.
  - Hardy and sure-footed animal smaller than the horse.
  - Kind of heavy jacket.
  - Acronym for Local Area Coverage.
  - French word for "gold."
  - Acronym for Atomic Mass Unit.
  - Misty.
  - Toroidal shape.
  - Two-character ISO 3166 country code for Iceland.
  - Flat grassland in tropical or subtropical regions.
  - Awaken.
  - Someone who dissipates resources self-indulgently.
  - Database containing an ordered array of items.
  - Indefinite article.
  - Having toes of a specified kind.
  - Destined.
  - Make a choice.
  - Light, strong, brittle gray toxic bivalent metallic element.
  - Soak.
  - Clouded liquids as with sediment.
  - Specific piece of work required to be done for a specific fee.
  - Italian town near Milan, Italy.
  - Abnormally deficient in color as suggesting physical distress.
  - Black tropical American cuckoo.
  - River flowing through Russia and Kazakhstan.
  - Americanization of the German word "Unterseeboot (undersea boat)."
  - Largest airless satellite of Saturn.
  - Form of cabbage.
  - Showing happiness.
  - Gain in return for one's labor.
  - Edible starchy tuberous root of taro plants.
  - Person who uses the left hand with greater skill than the right.
  - Fiber obtained from the agave Americana used for making cordage and paper.
- Down
- Caribbean soft drink.
  - Act of becoming a single unit.
  - Speed at which a composition is to be played.
  - Second album released by The Calling.
  - Drive the edges of plating together to prevent leakage.
  - Hans ... German anatomist.
  - Continuous portion of a circle.
  - Dignified manner.
  - State of danger involving risk.
  - Informal terms for a person's role.
  - Lieutenant ... played by Persis Khanbatta.
  - Sediments resulting from the fermentation of wine.
  - Smaller degree.
  - Organ of hearing and equilibrium in vertebrates.
  - Animal in an analogous immature form.
  - Male of domestic fowl.
  - Name of the villainous supercomputer in Harlan Ellison's 1967 short story "I Have No Mouth, and I Must Scream."
  - Ship that trades from port to port along a coastline.
  - Very poisonous metallic element that has three allotropic forms.
  - Ninth album overall released by Peter Gabriel.
  - Relatively higher and touching.
  - Point on a curve where change begins to occur.
  - Unit of distance measurement equal to three feet.
  - In an equal part.
  - Piece of music for one voice in an opera.
  - Tilt to one side.
  - Hotel providing overnight lodging for travelers.
  - Beard of grass.
  - Species of sea duck of the genus Somateria.
  - Usually brief attempt.
  - Symbol for astatine.
  - Ratio of the circumference to the diameter of a circle.
  - Small, round bread either plain or sweet.
  - Short communication between adults in a mine.
  - Showing signs of wear and tear.
  - Teacher of Bahá'ism.
  - Unable to move.
  - Virgin goddess of the hunt.
  - Deceptive move made by a football player.
  - In a direction toward the mouth.
  - Unadorned.
  - Acronym for Oyster Bay Internet Experience.
  - Feel a desire for.
  - Fill sign of the zodiac.
  - Lazy, slow-minded person.
  - Fabric made of silk or wool, having a transversely corded or ribbed surface.

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



### Ham with Mango Glaze

- |     |                                       |     |                            |
|-----|---------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------|
| 2   | ripe mangos, peeled, pitted and cubed | 1/4 | teaspoon cinnamon          |
| 1/4 | cup honey                             | 1/4 | teaspoon ground allspice   |
| 2   | tablespoons fresh lemon juice         | 1   | boneless ham, about 3 lbs. |

Preheat oven to 350°F. Place mangos, honey, lemon juice and spices in a blender or food processor; puree until smooth. Set aside 1/3 of the mixture for basting the ham during baking. (Place remaining glaze in serving dish to serve with ham.) Score the surface of the ham in a diamond pattern with a sharp knife and place in a shallow baking dish. Brush with reserved basting portion of mango glaze. Bake for 1 hour, basting with glaze frequently. Slice ham and serve with the remaining mango glaze.

Prep Time: 10 mins. Cook Time: 1 hour

Makes 6 to 8 servings

## ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## ADOPT A PET



Biff is a sweet 8 year old buff Cocker Spaniel. He has been neutered and recently had some dental work done. He is easy going and likes other dogs. Biff appears to be housebroken and has pretty good manners. All he needs now is a forever home and someone to love him.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is a participating member of the Very Best Pet Network.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:  
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling  
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall  
Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117  
For more pets or more information, visit our website [www.ascppetfinder.com](http://www.ascppetfinder.com)

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)					
Date	H	L	Precip. Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
4/4	40	29	0.51						
4/5	36	15	0.08						
4/6	24	14	0.02						
4/7	23	15	0.03						
4/8	25	13	t						
4/9	29	11	0						
4/10	36	11	0	Snow Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Rain/Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny

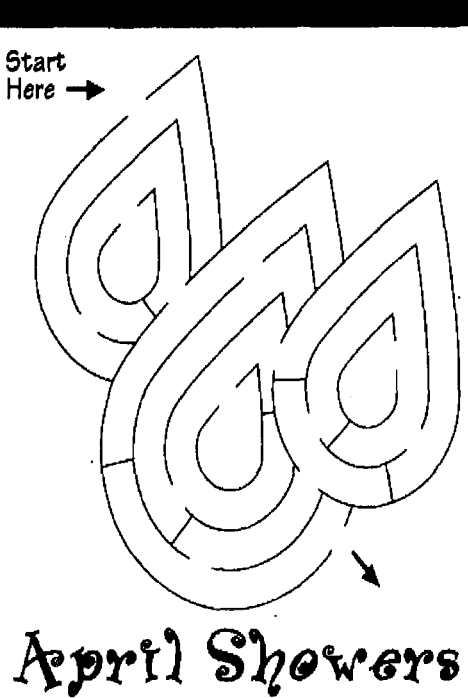
## FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

## DID YOU KNOW ??

Henry Ford flatly stated that history is "bunk".

## MAZE



## HOROSCOPES

For the week of April 12, 2007

 <b>CAPRICORN</b> December 22-January 19 Fantastic, Capricorn. You're rolling in the dough this week. Put it to good use and make sure you save a little for a rainy day. Transportation issues try your patience.	 <b>ARIES</b> March 21-April 19 Age is the key to a mysterious puzzle that's been haunting you. Exercise takes priority above all else as a medical condition reveals itself.	 <b>CANCER</b> June 22-July 22 An enchanting tale weaves magic into your life. Enjoy and learn from it all that you can. Frequent visits from a pesky pal over the weekend make you want to run for the hills.	 <b>LIBRA</b> September 23-October 22 Watch it, Libra. Someone close to you is up to no good. Take their words with a grain of salt and steer clear of anything not in your best interest.
 <b>AQUARIUS</b> January 20-February 18 A coworker's success has you writhing with envy. Keep your feelings to yourself. Your turn in the spotlight is coming. A run-in with an old friend makes for pleasant memories.	 <b>TAURUS</b> April 20-May 20 Resting on your laurels isn't going to cut it this time. Heave-ho, Taurus, and rip through the project like only you know how. A risky move pays off.	 <b>LEO</b> July 23-August 22 A buddy's financial outlook begins to improve. Have them over for dinner to celebrate. Love takes a new turn over the weekend and a relationship deepens.	 <b>SCORPIO</b> October 23-November 21 Be careful, Scorpio. Someone important has their eye on you and is waiting for you to make a mistake. Think through everything and leave no stone unturned.
 <b>PISCES</b> January 19-March 20 Slow down, Pisces. You're running yourself ragged. Learn to accept help and take it easy once in a while. You're only human—you can't possibly do everything on your own.	 <b>GEMINI</b> May 21-June 21 A ploy turns sour. Confess your part in it and accept the consequences. They won't be nearly as bad as you thought. A wise friend gives you advice—pay attention.	 <b>VRGO</b> August 23-September 22 Restlessness pervades your home. Time to shake things up. Be creative and use your finesse to get everyone moving. Travel may be one option.	 <b>SAGITTARIUS</b> November 22-December 21 Chop-chop, Sagittarius. Time is slipping away to make a home repair. Grab your tool belt and get cracking. A situation at work requires some clever maneuvering.



# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$8.00 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$6.00 for 15 words or

less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing;

www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate

**2-3 BEDROOM** 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling. Price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06t/f/1)

**REDUCED COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL** M-72 West close to town, 2 lots, 103 feet, 2 bedroom mobile, new 4 inch well, footings and crawl space insulation, new paint and carpet and storage building. \$52,900 by owner. 989-348-7355 (12/7/06t/f/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**WHY RENT** when you can own your home for less. Single wide 2001 modular home, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, all major appliances included \$26,000. For more info call 989-275-8172. (LR4/12/07/1)

**HOME FOR SALE** Reduced: 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, bonus sun-room, heated 3 car garage, extra large lot, quiet neighborhood. Two miles between Higgins Lake and Houghton Lake. 3622 Lansing Road. 989-281-0321, www.lech.ws \$93,000 firm. (LR5/3/07/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**BY OWNER** 205 State Street. Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, upgraded kitchen, master bed and bath, and sun room, windows, vinyl siding, garage. \$89,900 call 231-263-0231 or cell 989-619-5561. (4/5/07t/f/1)

**BEHIND ON YOUR HOUSE PAYMENT**, threatened with foreclosure, don't know what to do? Don't lose everything. I can help. Don't wait while the payments pile up, call me today; selling your house now might save you substantial money. Charlotte Bloomquist, Century 21 River Country Real Estate Agent, 989-390-1393/989-348-5474. (-5-12sgf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**NEW HOME** river access, 104 Black Bear \$125,000, cabin \$75,000, 989-348-4840. (-22-29-5-12/1)

### 2. For Rent

**MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT** \$425 and up, some pet restrictions. Also trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06t/f/2)

**1,000 SQUARE FEET** of office space, very nice, great location. 989-348-6528 (-5-12/2)

### 1. Real Estate

### 2. For Rent

**2 BEDROOM DUPLEX** Garage, appliances, heat. \$630/month. Security \$500. 989-390-0027. (4/12/07t/f/2)

**HOUSE FOR RENT** on the AuSable River, 12 miles east of Grayling, 2007 S. Town Line Rd., off M-72 and Wakeley Bridge Rd. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, range, refrigerator, washer, dryer, completely remodeled. \$600/month, plus \$600 security. References and credit check, no pets. 989-348-4716. (4/12/07t/f/2)

### 1. Real Estate

### 2. For Rent

**SMALL UPDATED 2 BEDROOM** near Lake Margrethe. Utilities, deposit \$475. No pets, no smoking. 989-344-2482. (-12-19-26/2)

**ROOM TO RENT** with household privileges, separate bathrooms. M-72 area east of Grayling. No indoor smoking. \$250 per month. 906-293-8724 or 989-348-5040. (-12-19/2)

**2 BEDROOM 1 BATH** house. Electric heat. \$485/month plus deposit. Only 10 minutes from Grayling or Kalkaska. Call 231-275-6887. (-12-19/2)

### 1. Real Estate

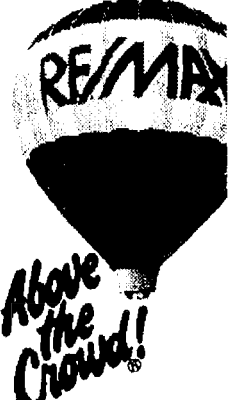


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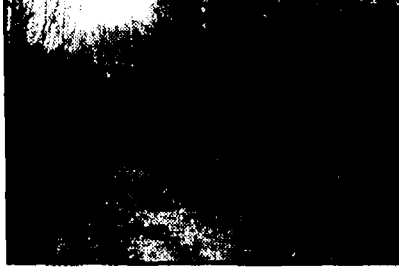
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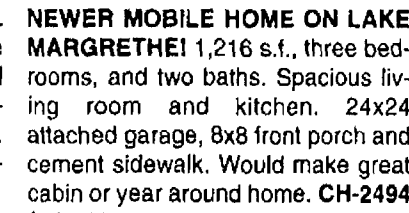
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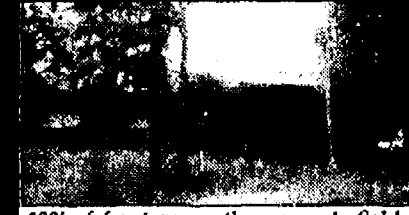
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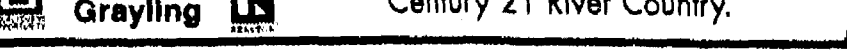
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Proposals will be received in the facilities management office until Monday, April 23, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. at which time they will be opened and publicly read. Any questions regarding this project should be directed to JoAnn Comerford, Director of Facilities Management at 989-275-5000, Ext. 249.

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# Paint color choices: the psychological impact

(HIT) – The words “paint” and “personality” aren’t often used together, but they certainly could be.

“Studies show that paint and room color can have an effect on the body and mind,” states Debbie Zimmer, color and decorating expert with the Rohm and Haas Paint Quality Institute at <http://www.paintquality.com>. “By understanding the impact of color, consumers can better incorporate the hues that help create the desired living space mood and setting that best suits their family and personal lifestyle.”

When repainting a room, here are some simple guidelines you should know about the hues you might use:

- Red packs a wallop, physiologically speaking, increasing blood pressure, heartbeat and energy in most people. It instills feelings of intimacy and passion. Red also increases the appetite, which explains why it is used so often in restaurants, and why it can be a good choice for a formal dining room.

- Orange, like red, tends to warm a room, but in a more friendly and welcoming way. As a result, paints in



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various shades and tints of orange work well in living rooms and family rooms.

- Yellow is also warm and welcoming, but it is more attention getting than either red or orange. For this reason, it is a good paint color to use in poorly lit foyers or dark hallways.

- Blue, which is part of the cool color palette, makes us feel calm and tranquil, so it is ideal for use in bedrooms. But since blue works as an appetite suppressant (perhaps because there are few blue foods) it is not the best option for a dining room... unless you’re on a diet.

- Green is another relaxing color that is much more versatile than blue. Light greens are ideal for bedrooms and living rooms; midtones are good for kitchens and dining rooms (many foods are green). Also, because green is calming, it is often used in hospitals, workplaces and schools.

- Violet is a tricky color, psychologically speaking. Many adults dislike purples, but are fond of the rose family, which can work in many rooms, including dining rooms, bedrooms and

libraries. Young children, on the other hand, respond favorably to violet, so this color can be used successfully in children’s bedrooms and play areas.

**About The Rohm and Haas Paint Quality Institute**

The Rohm and Haas Paint Quality Institute (PQI) was founded in 1989 in Philadelphia with the initial goal of educating consumers, contractors and retailers on the advantages of using the highest quality paints and coatings. Today, PQI also delivers information on cutting edge trends such as color, decorative techniques, and innovative new ways to use paint.

As an industry leader, PQI encourages consumers to “visualize quality” by focusing on the unique decorative aspects of paint. More than just a home improvement tool, paint has the power to inspire a mood, allow for personal expression, and encourage creativity. Best of all, painting is relatively quick, easy and affordable – no wonder it is one of the most popular do-it-yourself activities.

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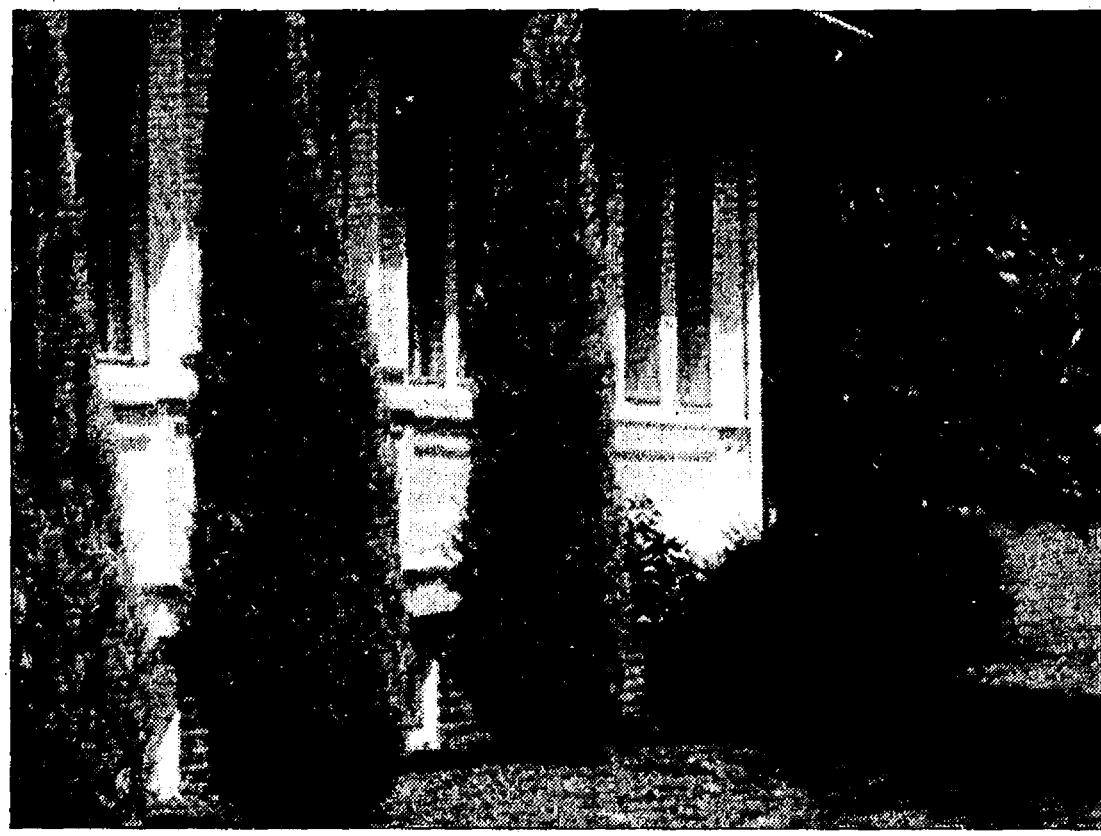
## Landscaping for energy savings

(HIT) – With consumers looking for effective ways to take control of their energy costs, an often over-looked opportunity can be found in landscaping. According to Edison Electric Institute, energy-efficient landscaping can also help to make a home more comfortable and attractive. Using energy efficiently also helps the environment. Consumers should check with their local nursery for ideas that can work best for their area.

In Northern Regions:

- Plant deciduous trees (those which lose their leaves in winter) on the south and west sides of the house. In the winter, the now bare trees will allow free solar heating. In the summer, the tree foliage will offer cooling shade.

- Plant evergreen trees on the north side of the house to cut exposure to cold winds during the winter months.



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In Southern Regions:

- Plant evergreen trees on the south and west side of the house to create shade.

- Use grass or other ground cover around your home instead of paving material. The ground cover won't absorb or reflect heat helping to keep the house cooler.

In All Regions:

- Plant shrubbery close to

the house. This will act as another layer of insulation for your home.

- Consider mounting vine-covered trellises on exterior walls. These will insulate a home against hot summer sun and cold winter winds.

And finally, check with your electric company to learn ways to save energy inside your home.

## Simple home improvements to reduce your energy bill

(HIT) – As temperatures rise and home cooling expenses mount, many consumers will turn to energy efficient solutions to fight the rising costs of their energy bill. Historically, the summer demand for fuels has lead to an increase in prices causing consumers to look for new, creative ways to save money. One of the most obvious ways to make any home more energy-efficient is to use less electricity. While turning down the thermostat or turning off unused lights and using natural sunlight is one option, there are still many more alternatives to lower the electric bill.

- Don't just turn off your lights. Replace those old incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs). With the average home having more than 30 light fixtures, lighting accounts for nearly 20 percent of electricity costs. New compact fluorescent bulbs use at least two-thirds less energy and preserve a cooler environment by generating 70 percent less heat than incandescent bulbs while producing the same light effects. The simple solution of replacing ten light bulbs in the home with CFLs can help lower monthly energy costs by more than \$100 a year. Plus, the CFLs last up to 10,000 hours. For more information, visit <http://www.tepi.com/>.

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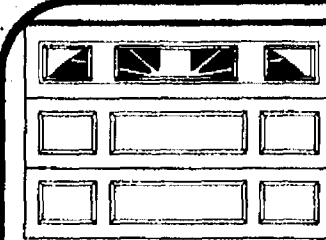
conditioning unit provides the most relief for beating the summer heat. The key to an efficient air conditioning system is attention. A well-maintained air conditioner will run more efficiently and use less energy. Make sure to clean or replace filters and remove built up dirt on outdoor or indoor coils. For more information, visit <http://www.carrier.com/>.

- While your air conditioner is running and cooling the house, it is also using a lot of energy. To spare your cooling system from over work close blinds or shades during the daytime to keep unwanted heat out. In addition, you can reduce 10 percent of your cooling costs by installing a programmable thermostat to automatically adjust the temperature of your home during unoccupied hours. For more information, visit <http://www.lutron.com>.

- Reduce air leaks by caulking and weather stripping all openings to the outside. You can reduce 10 percent or more on energy bills by sealing gaps or cracks around windows and doors. For more information, visit <http://www.polyseamseal.com/>.

In addition, look for the ENERGY STAR label. Air conditioners, major appliances, lighting and electronics with the Energy Star label will help cut utility bills by up to 30 percent. While increasing energy prices may be inevitable, following just

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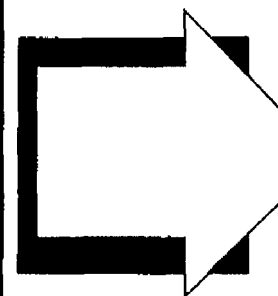


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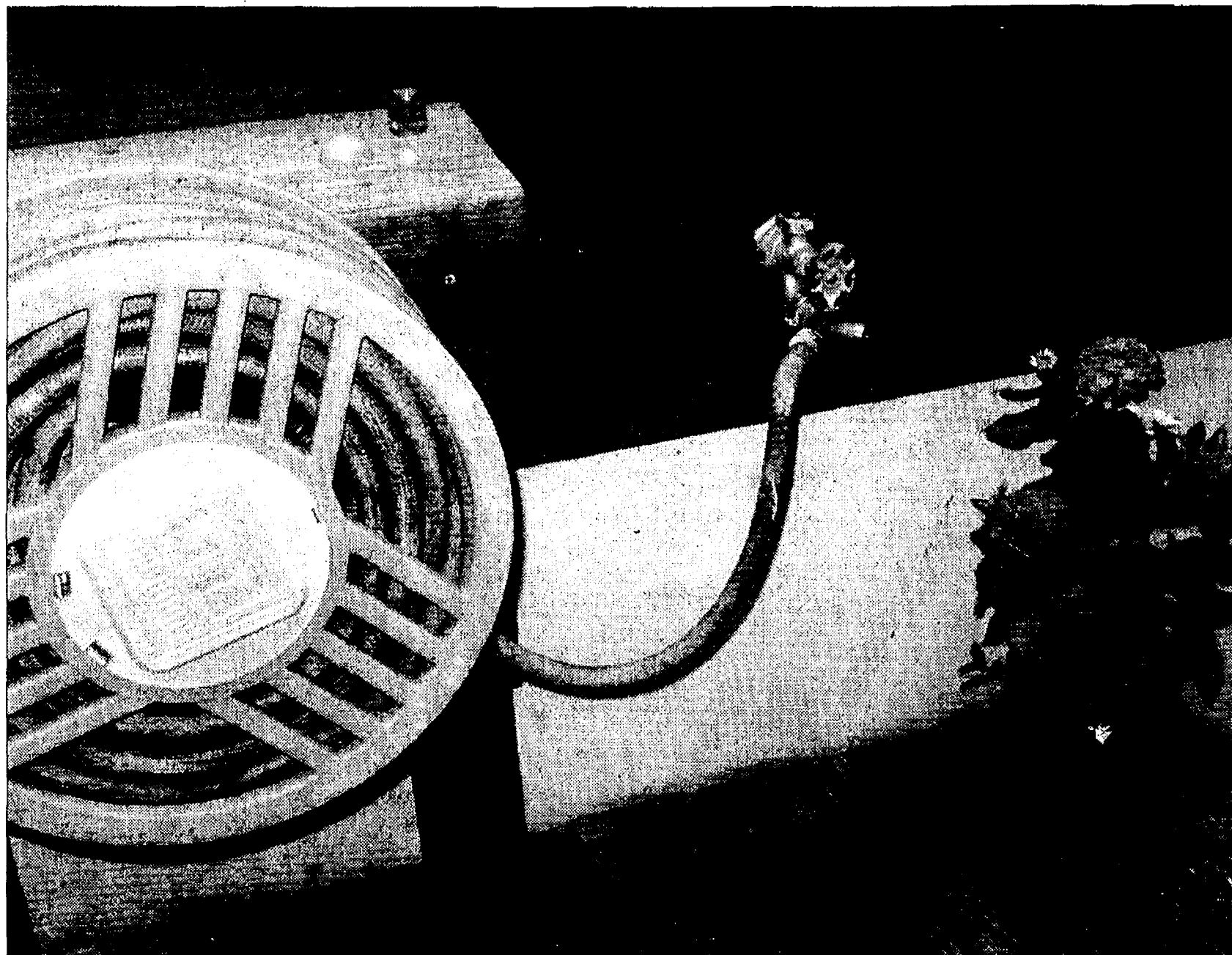


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## Gardening and other chores are easier with multiple exterior water lines

(HIT) — The term “outdoor plumbing” may prompt unpleasant memories for anyone born before bathrooms moved indoors, but modern homeowners might want to consider adding exterior water service for convenience all around their homes.

Most homes are provided with just one water source for outdoor needs — typically a sillcock, or spigot, located near grade level on the side or back of the house. This single outlet is there to be used for a multitude of purposes, from watering lawns to gardening to washing the car.

Anyone who has ever dragged a garden hose around a yard to handle chores like these will see the value in installing additional outlets where they can be most useful. According to The Copper Development Association, most homes have copper plumbing, and it's not difficult or expensive to permanently extend plumbing lines already in place. Copper is recommended for both indoor and outdoor use. The convenience of having water wherever you need it makes this project more than worthwhile.

For example, if you do container gardening on a deck or patio, having a water outlet close at hand enables you to run drip irrigation lines directly to each container without needing a garden hose when you want to water your plants. It also prevents having to monopolize the hose when it is needed for other chores elsewhere around the home. And once you install a permanent water line to this area, you can use it for other needs such as washing up after gardening or for food preparation if you barbecue or dine outdoors.

Homeowners who prize their lawns know that watering is often required, and having a dedicated outdoor spigot for this purpose can save both time and money. If your watering needs are intermittent, a separate spigot allows you to install a hose timer that you can set and forget, and never have to bother with connecting or

removing the sprinkler hose. And if you have, or plan to install, an in-ground sprinkler system, a separate spigot is usually necessary.

For homes with sizeable properties, installing an underground water line and spigot at the far end of your yard can save you an enormous amount of effort, and help you avoid buying extra lengths of garden hose and hose carriers.

Another good reason for installing additional sillcocks or spigots where you need them is to make outdoor cleanup easier in seasonal weather. In this case, you might consider running both cold and hot water lines to the outdoor faucet. Adding a second line is just as easy as the first. You can then use this outlet for an outdoor shower (especially useful if you own a pool), for washing cars, kids or the family dog, or for power-washing your home's siding or patio.

If you do install additional exterior water outlets, a few items of importance should be noted: Use freeze-proof sillcocks to prevent mishaps, if temperatures in your area can drop below 40 degrees. Always include a shutoff and drain valve for each exterior line in a frost-protected area such as a heated basement or garage. All water lines should be pitched at a slight angle so they will drain completely. Alternatively, compressed air may be used to purge water from the lines at the onset of winter or any time freezing may occur.

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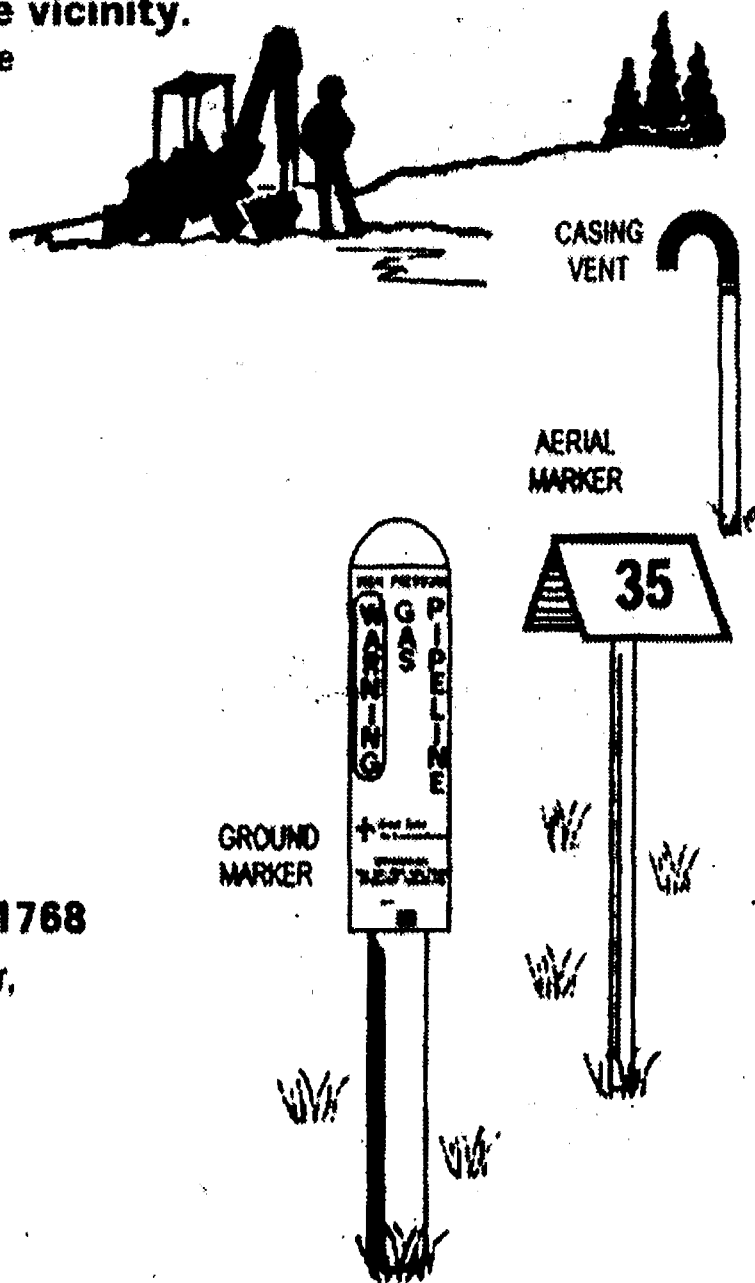
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# Great interior painting as easy as one-two-three

(HIT) – There are many reasons why interior painting is the nation's most popular home improvement project.

Painting can quickly and dramatically transform the appearance of a room, an apartment or an entire home; it's personally rewarding; it's inexpensive; and it's fun.

Moreover, interior painting is easy. According to the Rohm and Haas Paint Quality Institute, even novices can often get professional painting results by following just three simple rules.

## Rule number one: Prepare the surface properly

- Good paint performance depends on good paint adhesion, and paint adheres best to surfaces that are clean and sound. Before picking up a brush or roller, it's important to make sure the surface is "inviting" to the paint.

- Accumulated dirt, dust and grime should be removed from walls, ceilings and trim with a detergent-water solution. After washing, the surfaces should be thoroughly rinsed with water and allowed to dry completely.

- Next, a putty knife should be used to fill cracks, holes and other surface imperfections with either spackling compound or a quality acrylic caulk. If spackling is used, after it is dry it should be sanded smooth and flush with the surface; caulk should be smoothed and feathered as it is applied.

- Finally, if walls or ceilings have water stains or

other serious discoloration, then before painting, it may be necessary to coat them with a latex or oil-based stain-blocking primer to prevent the stains from bleeding through the new paint.

## Rule number two: Use only top quality paint

- Compared with ordinary interior paints, top quality finishes are much easier to work with and offer superior long-term performance.

- In terms of application benefits, top quality paints won't spatter or tend to show brush marks. And since they hide better than ordinary paints, a single coat is often sufficient to give a great looking paint job and save on time, labor and cost.

- Top quality interior paints also are tougher and more durable than ordinary interior paints, according to experts at the Paint Quality Institute. For additional information go to <http://www.paintquality.com>. They resist fading, yellowing and staining. And even if they do get spotted or stained, discoloration can often be washed off without damaging the finish.

## Rule number three: Invest in quality tools

- To lessen the anxiety and uncertainty of choosing a new paint color for your home, start by considering the architectural style of your home. Some styles, such as Victorian, lend themselves to elaborate four- and even five-color painting schemes. Others, like Georgian or Colonial styles, are better suited to two or three paint colors. Usually this includes a main body

color, and one or two accent colors for painting trim, shutters, and doors.

- In addition, take into account fixed colors. Consider the colors on and near the house that will not be painted such as, roofs, wood, masonry, or stone.

- To get the most from top quality interior paint, it should be applied with high quality brushes and rollers. Not only will they apply the paint more evenly, but they will also make the job more effortless.

- The best brushes tend to be well balanced, hold a lot of paint and apply the paint evenly. Look for brushes with tightly packed bristles and test them for springiness. And be sure they don't fan too much.

- When applying the more popular latex or water-based interior paints, it's important to use brushes and rollers with synthetic bristles and covers. They'll maintain the proper stiffness and keep their shape regardless of the amount of water they're exposed to.

- Most oil-based or alkyd paints can be applied with brushes and rollers made either of synthetic or natural materials.

Remember interior painting can be as simple as one-two-three. But there are no shortcuts. Good surface preparation, top quality paint and high quality tools are all essential to get the best.



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# The environmentally proper way to fertilize your lawn

(HIT) – Think of fertilizer as vitamins for your lawn. Too much could be harmful. Too little can result in poor health and susceptibility to diseases. In addition to increasing property value, a healthy, properly-maintained lawn is pleasing to look at and provides significant environmental benefits relating to air and water quality, according to scientific research gathered by The Lawn Institute.

Maintaining a healthy, environmentally beneficial lawn requires proper maintenance techniques, from mowing and watering, to fertilizing and sometimes pesticides and herbicides—but only when needed.

## When Should You Fertilize Your Lawn?

The most effective time to apply fertilizer to your lawn depends on where you are located geographically and the type of grass you have. The best time to fertilize warm-season grasses is mid-summer; for cool-season grasses, late spring or early fall is best.

## What Type and How Much Fertilizer Should You Use?

Lawns within each climatic region of the country are different. Ideally, contact your state's agriculture extension agent to find out the procedures for conducting a soil sampling and analysis to determine your lawn's fertility needs. At the very least, ask your local lawn and garden retailer which fertilizer is best and when it should be applied.

## Proper Application

To assure uniform coverage with either a broadcast spreader or a drop spreader, adjust the spreader applica-

tion dial to distribute one-half of the fertilizer bag's recommended setting. Make the first application in an up-and-down pattern, covering the entire lawn. Begin the second application immediately in a left-to-right pattern over the entire lawn. This technique helps eliminate the fertilizer-striped lawns by assuring even and thorough coverage.

## What's In a Bag of Fertilizer?

The label on a typical bag of lawn has three numbers, such as 5-10-5, indicating the contents. Those numbers represent the ratios, by weight, of three major macronutrients: nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P) and potassium (K), all of which are essential to healthy plant life. For example, a 50-lb. bag of fertilizer labeled 5-10-5, has 5% N (2.5 lbs.), 10% (5 lbs.) P, and 5% (2.5 lbs.) K. The bag's remaining 80% (40 lbs.) by weight is a carrier for the fertilizer, making it easier to apply to your lawn.

The importance of these macronutrients is: "N" gives plants the ability to grow rapidly and produce large amounts of succulent, green leaves; "P" plays an important role in seedling development, cell building and root growth; and "K" helps the overall cell structure of a plant by making it more resistant to disease and physical damage due to heavy foot traffic. When properly applied, these macronutrients encourage a healthy lawn which significantly contributes to a healthier environment than a lawn that receives no nutrients.

## Misinformation About Phosphorus (P)

Lack of scientific knowledge has led to a major misconception about phosphorus.

Myth: The use of phosphorus on your lawn is bad for the environment.

Scientific Fact: Scientists

have determined that phosphorus run-off from non-fertilized grass is actually as much as 147% higher than grass that was properly fertilized.

Reason: The un-fertilized lawn thinned out so badly that the rate of water flow across the soil surface increased, thereby allowing less time for infiltration into the soil and results in high levels of run-off. Also proven is that most phosphorus run-off occurs in the spring and fall when flower parts, tree seeds, leaves and decaying plants are at their highest levels. Homeowners can minimize run-off by choosing a high-quality fertilizer with minimum amounts of phosphorus, following the manufacturer's directions, keeping leaves and other plant materials out of the street and by maintaining healthy, dense turf.

## Fertilizer "Dos" and "Don'ts"

### DO:

- Check the calibration setting on your fertilizer spreader
- Follow the recommended setting for your particular spreader
- Fill and clean your fertilizer spreader over a grassy area
- After applying lawn fertilizer, sweep off any granules from sidewalks and other hard services
- Store left-over fertilizer in a dry area for next year's use

### DON'T:

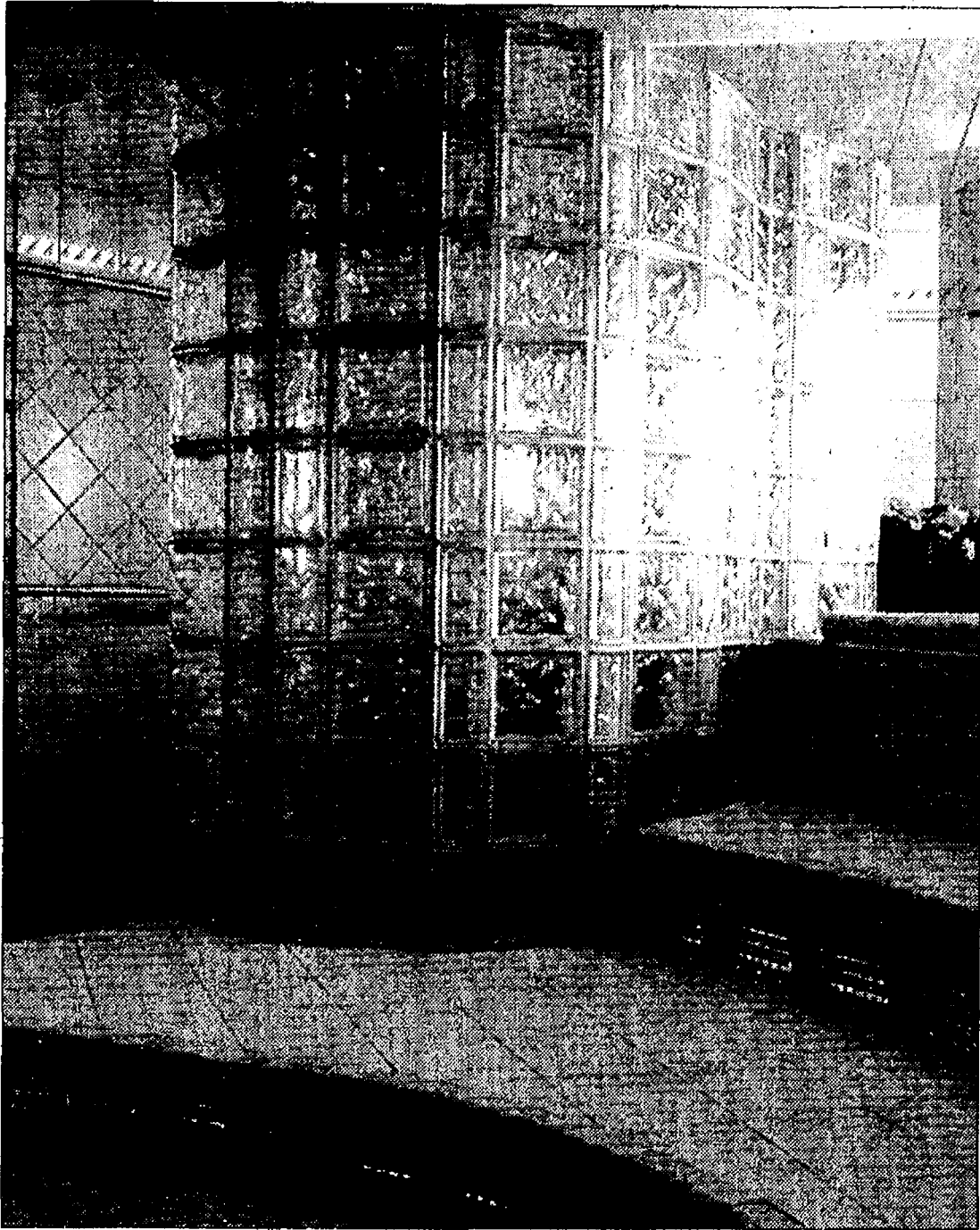
- Fertilize when the weather forecast is calling for rain
- Leave fertilizer on sidewalks, driveways or other hard surfaces
- Fill or clean a fertilizer spreader over hard surfaces
- Position the spreader at a setting that is higher than the setting recommended by the manufacturer
- Fertilize immediately before or during drought

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## How to add daylight and architectural impact

(HIT) – Custom home owners' and architects' perception of glass block's appropriate place has evolved from back-side basements to front elevations that celebrate this high-quality, sparkling material as "building blocks of light."

Today Weck and other real-block manufacturers offer a wealth of privacy patterns that block visual intrusion from the outside and hide unsightly views—while letting in natural daylight. With even large homes today being built on zero-lot lines, glass block's decorative and privacy attributes are a combination with growing appeal, expressed by increased use of this dazzling material in bathroom windows, transoms, and entry system sidelights. And in the hands of a creative designer who mixes patterns, shapes and colors, it can become furniture or even sculpture.

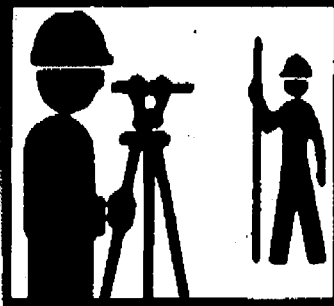
The curb appeal of glass block on homes of style can't be denied, especially in sunbelt communities along all three coasts. And block's versatility for modern interior design can introduce an exciting yet tasteful way to keep light flowing in throughout the home. Open-plan floor designs often feature knee- or waist-high glass block dividers that spread natural light from room to room.

Architects, designers and

glass-block manufacturers have put no limit on the uses and styles of glass block. Decorative walls composed of glass block provide subtle dividers in an otherwise open layout, while allowing natural light to spread from room to room. Vaulted foyers with block transoms and sidelights welcome light while blocking unwelcome views. Curved block railings, kitchen islands, lavish walk-in showers, and artistic wall cutouts—all add interest and sparkle.

Using a variety of styles, shapes, patterns and even accent colors, you can create a glass-block scheme that shines in any modern architecture, exterior or interior.

Glass block manufacturers have introduced new products and systems to make the product easier to install, even by do-it-yourselfers. Rigid aluminum or plastic spacers let even amateurs create perfect horizontal and vertical spacing for the block. Clear silicone caulk is used to connect one block to another, instead of traditional mortar. And now, two-inch-thick blocks are available in pre-built windows from Weck and other manufacturers. Replacing a clear glass bathroom window with glass block privacy is a simple do-it-yourself project. For other examples and ideas, visit the Weck website at [www.weck.com](http://www.weck.com).



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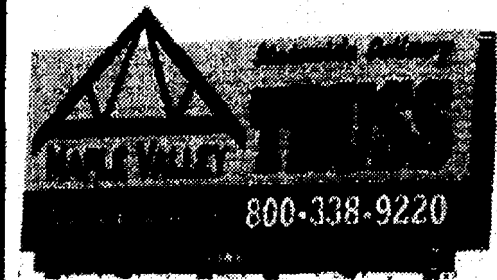
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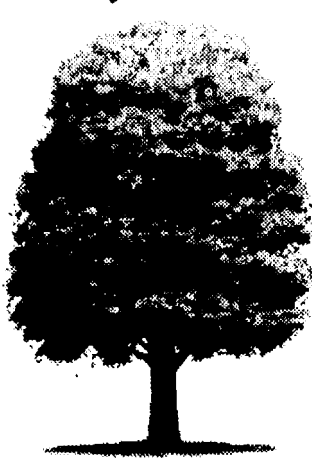
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## Five mold myths and facts for homeowners

(HIT) – In a recent Ducker Worldwide Research survey, 86 percent of homeowners said that mold is a critical issue to them. Among 400 consumers surveyed, 74 percent say they have experienced indoor or outdoor moisture issues in their homes, while 44 percent say they have experienced mold problems. In a similar survey of builders and contractors, 43 percent rank mold as the number one issue on their construction projects.

The Responsible Solutions to Mold Coalition (RSMC) was formed through a grant by building materials leader USG Corporation to communicate science-based, accurate information on mold. RSMC is an industry-wide coalition of building industry associations, companies, and

government and academic organizations. The coalition's key message is that if you control moisture, you'll control mold. While mold-resistant products can play an important role, unless they are installed properly as part of good building practices, mold can become a problem.

Consider these myths and facts about mold:

**Myth No. 1: Mold grows only on paper, wood and other organic material**

Facts: Mold will grow on any surface, including glass, fiberglass and even steel. Mold needs three things to grow: 1) mold spores, which are always in the air; 2) moisture; and 3) a food source, which can be as simple as household dust. Houses are constructed using a wide variety of organic materials; as a result, the only effective strategy to control mold is to control moisture.

**Myth No. 2: Mold can be eliminated**

Facts: Only "clean room" technologies—which are too expensive and unnecessary for the home or office—can eliminate mold spores. Therefore, the only thing you can control in your home or office is moisture. We all benefit from some molds, including the species that led to the development of penicillin. Mold plays a critical role in the processing of natural wastes such as leaves, grass and branches, turning them into topsoil.

**Myth No. 3: Mold is the only moisture control issue of concern**

Facts: While excessive moisture causes mold, it also

fosters the growth of dust mites and bacteria, as well as attracts cockroaches and rodents. Moisture will ultimately damage finishes and otherwise shorten the useful life of any building. So, not only does excessive moisture make a building less comfortable, it will ultimately diminish the building's value.


**Myth No. 4: Only experts can clean mold**

Facts: Homeowners can clean small patches of mold using household detergents and warm water. It is important to scrub vigorously any mold patch in order to remove mold spores that otherwise would remain and foster future mold outbreaks. After cleaning, rinsing and drying the spot where mold has grown, rubber gloves and cleaning cloths used in the process should be discarded. Larger patches of mold may need to be eliminated by trained professionals.

**Myth No. 5: Once mold starts, it will always be present**

Facts: Mold can be stopped in its tracks, but only if moisture is minimized or eliminated. Consequently, leaks should be corrected as soon as they become apparent. Building experts urge homeowners to be aware of some of the telltale signs of mold, which include dampness, odors, discoloration, peeling paint, condensation, compacted insulation and actual mold outbreaks.

For more information on controlling moisture and mold in your home or office, visit the RSMC Web site at [www.responsible moldsolutions.org](http://www.responsible moldsolutions.org).



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